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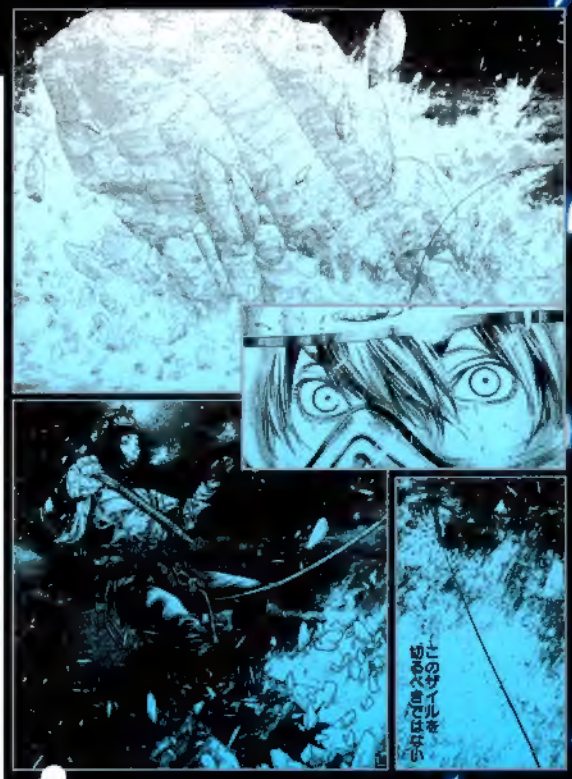

永遠に孤独である覚悟がないなら… 一人で山を登ってはならない――!!!

人類未踏のK2東壁に挑む文太郎と建村。しかしペースを乱した建村が7000m超地点の難壁で滑落、自力で這い上がるが氷壁上で自失してしまう。文太郎は懸命に建村の救出に向かったが、無情な選択を迫られることに。極限の雪山、生と死の狭間で文太郎の眼前に現れた光景とは――!?

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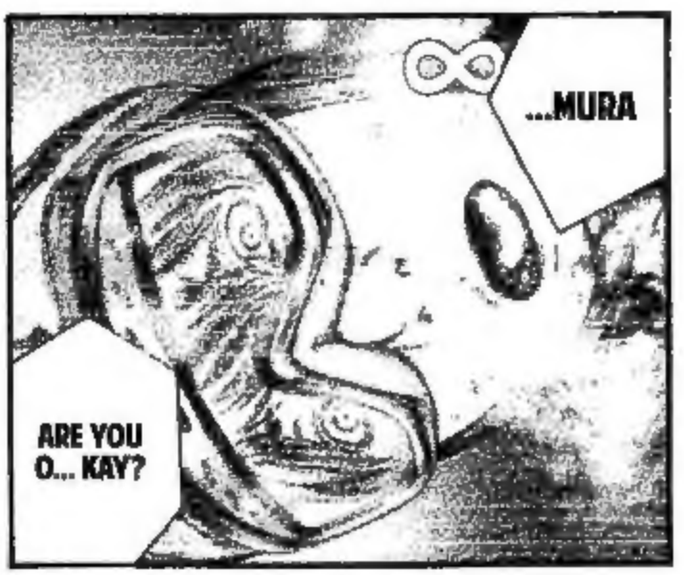
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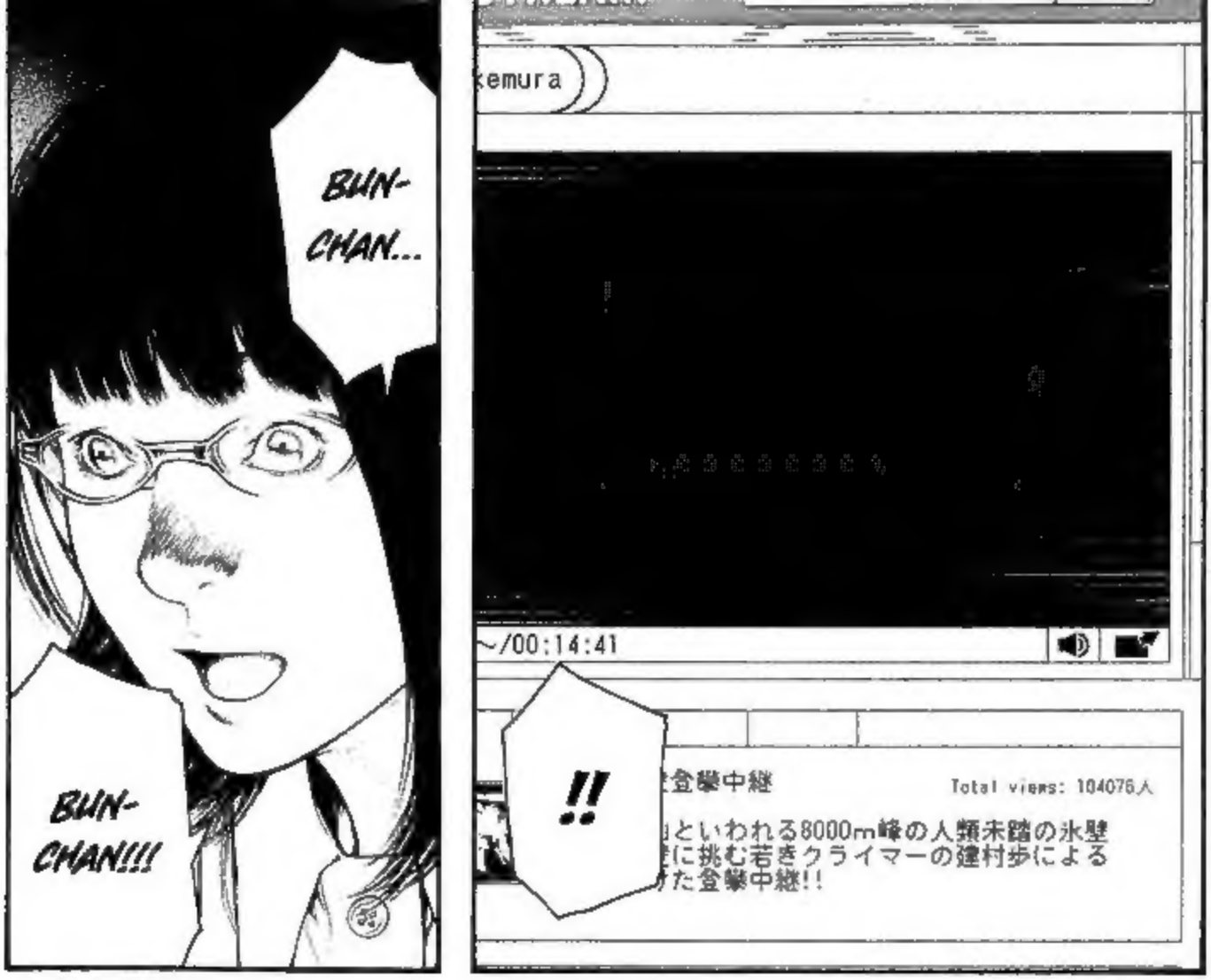
ARE YOU O... KAY?


BUN-
CHAN...
BUN-
CHAN!!!
kemura
~/00:14:41
!!
登攀中継
Total views: 104076人
といわれる8000m峰の人類未踏の氷壁
に挑む若きクライマーの建村歩による
た登攀中継!!

LOOK, ROKKA... IT'S DADDY!
DADDY WAS JUST ON THE SCREEN!

BUN-CHAN.
BUN-CHAN!

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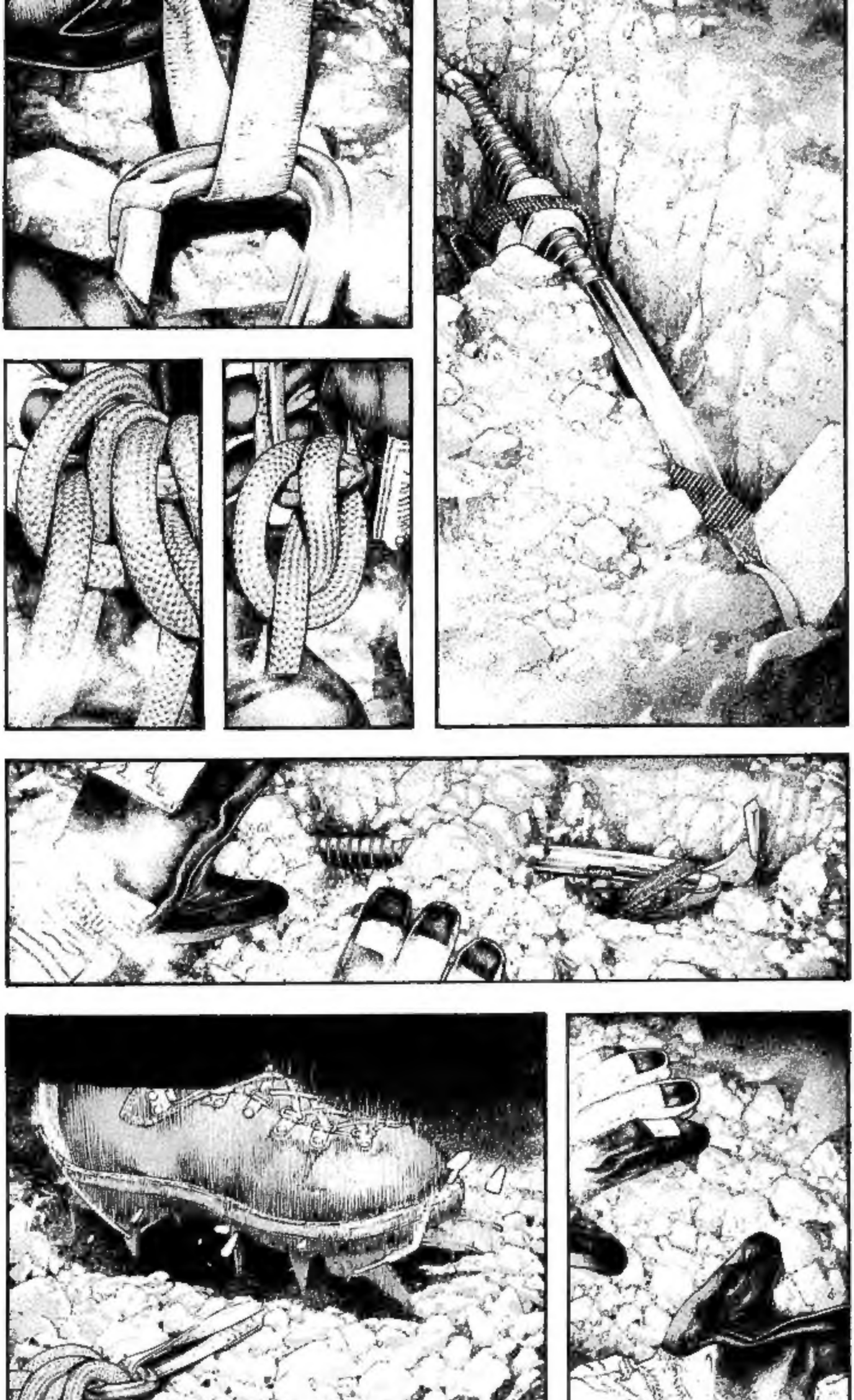
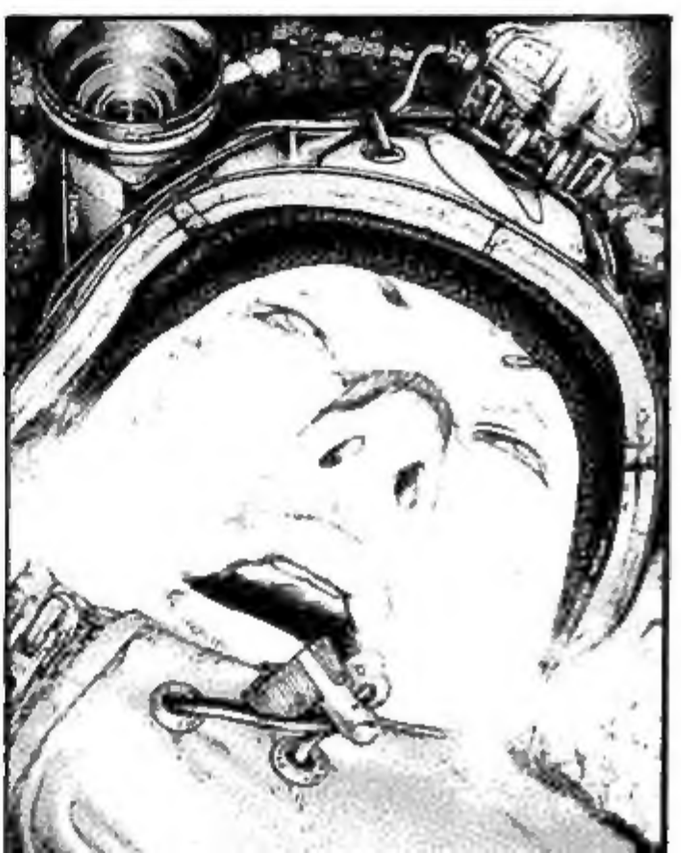
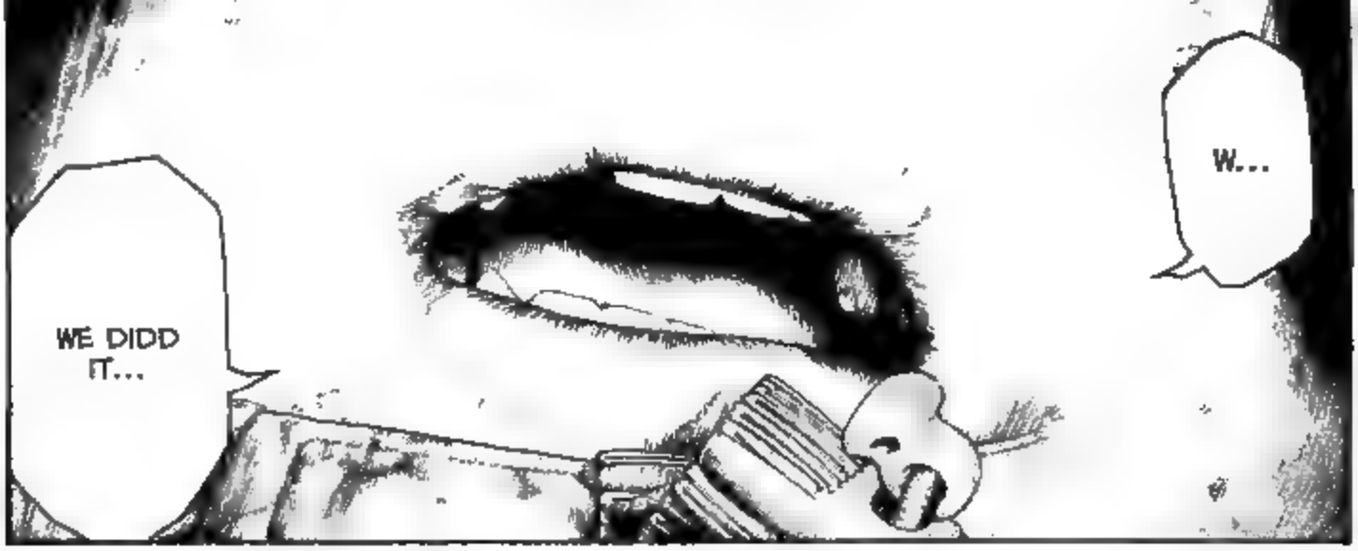
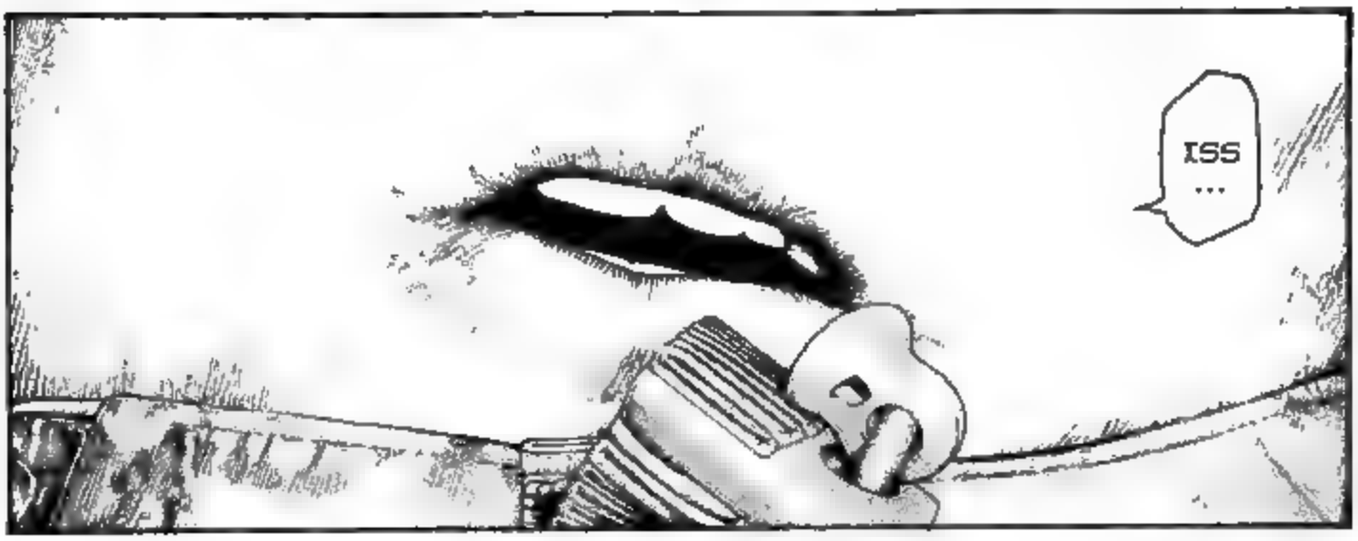


TAKE-
MURA,
I'VE PRE-
PARED
THE
BELAY.
TAKE-
MURA,
IT'S ALL
RIGHT
NOW.

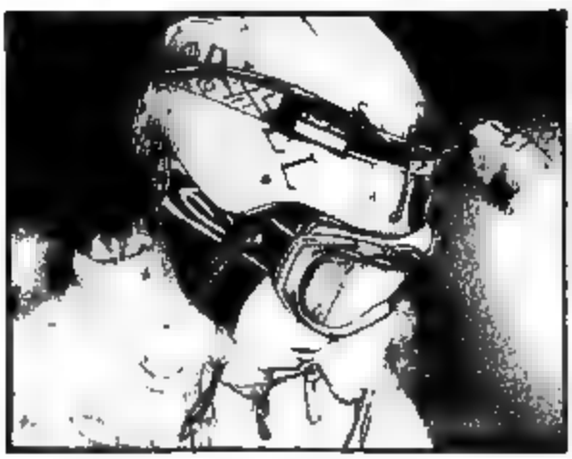


RE...
RENPAI...


W...
WE DIDD IT...


ISS ...

ISS THE..
PEAK.



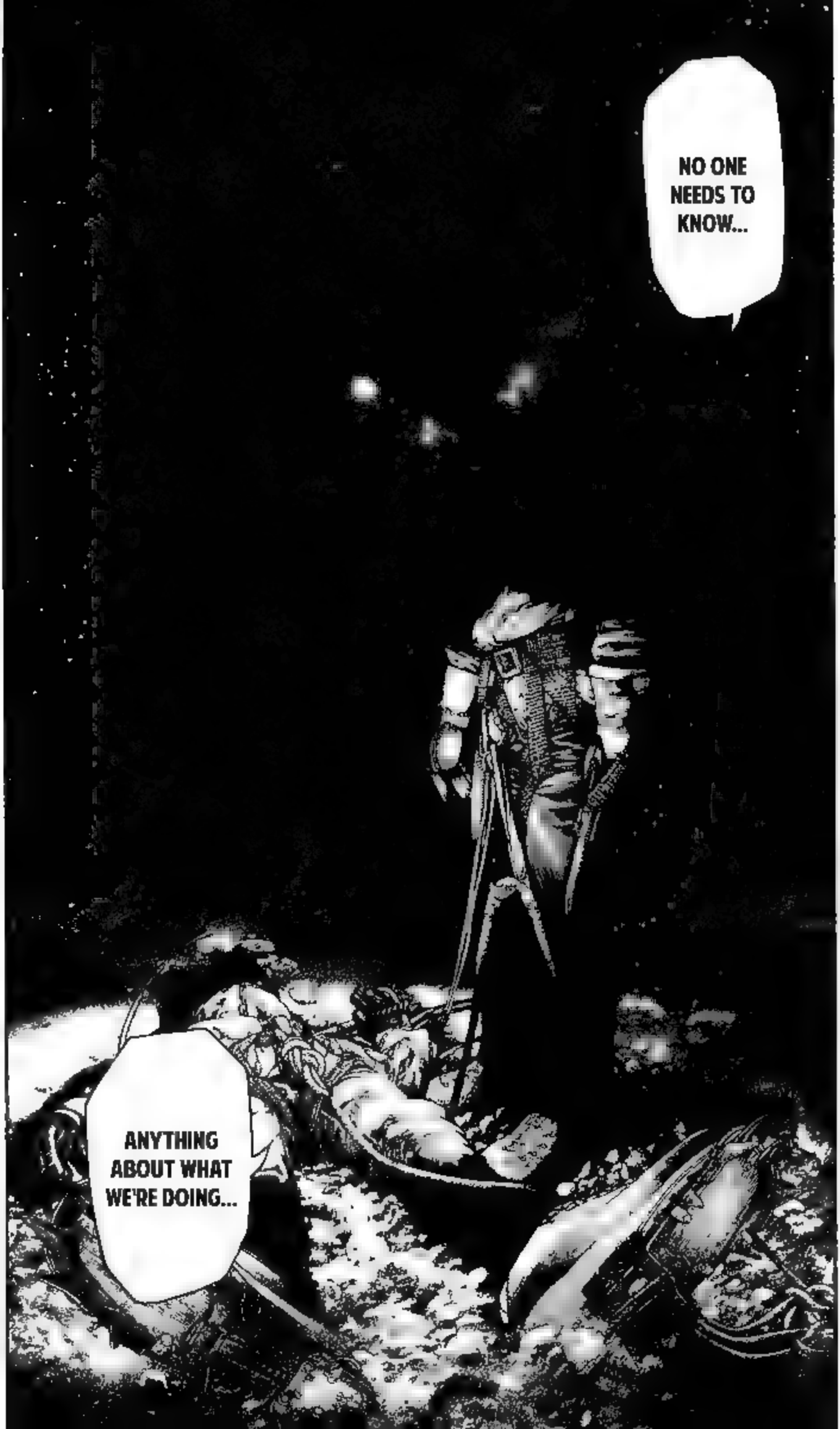
THIS CLIMB IS A COMPLETE FAILURE...

S...
STOPP IT...

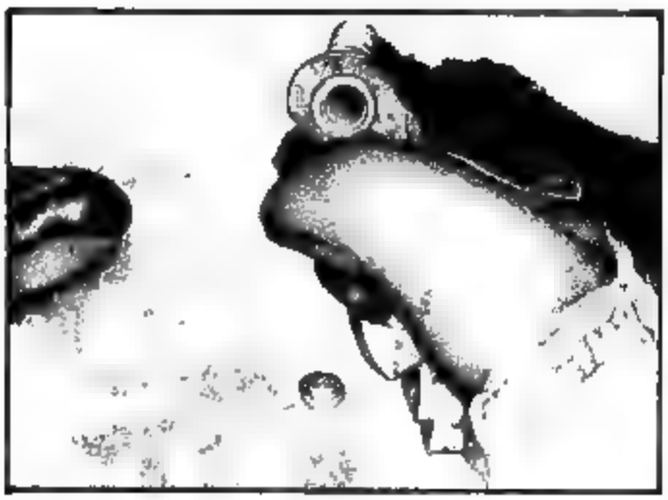
07·17 21:52

AIN'T IT GREAT!?
WHADDAYA THINK OF THIS SCENERY?

WE WANT MORE PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING SO THEY CAN JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES.
DON'T YOU THINK SO, SENPAI!?

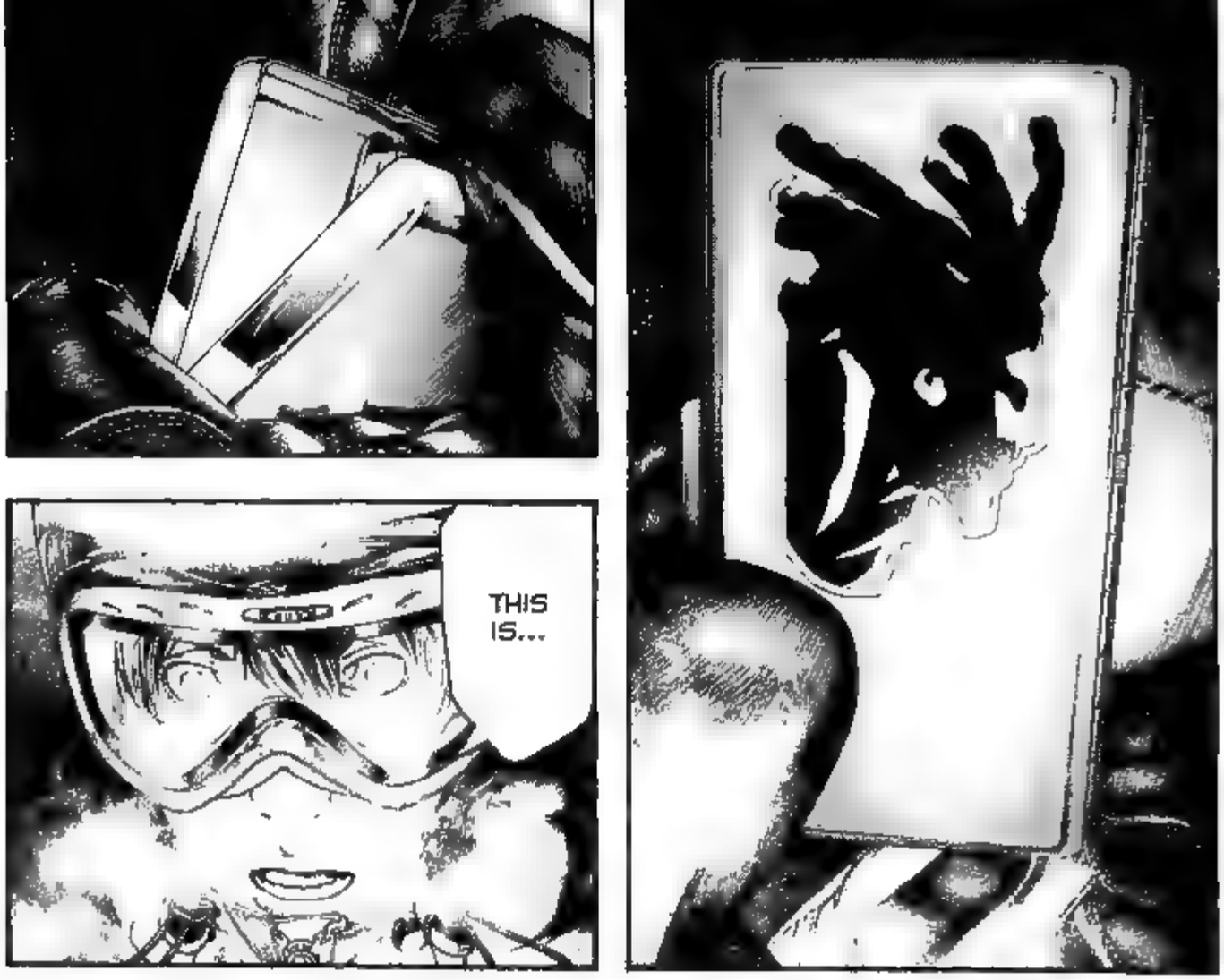

NO ONE NEEDS TO KNOW...
ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING...

ISSO PRIDDY...



TAKEMURA, YOU'RE PROBABLY SUFFERING FROM A BRAIN EDEMA RIGHT NOW.
YOU NEED TO BE BROUGHT DOWN FROM THIS HIGH ALTITUDE OR ELSE YOU'RE SCREWED.

I'VE HOOKED UP THE CLIMBING ROPE AS A V-THREAD.
WE CAN RAPPEL DOWN USING IT NOW.
HURRY...
Y'NEED TO NJECT IT...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TAKE-MURA?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME-THING?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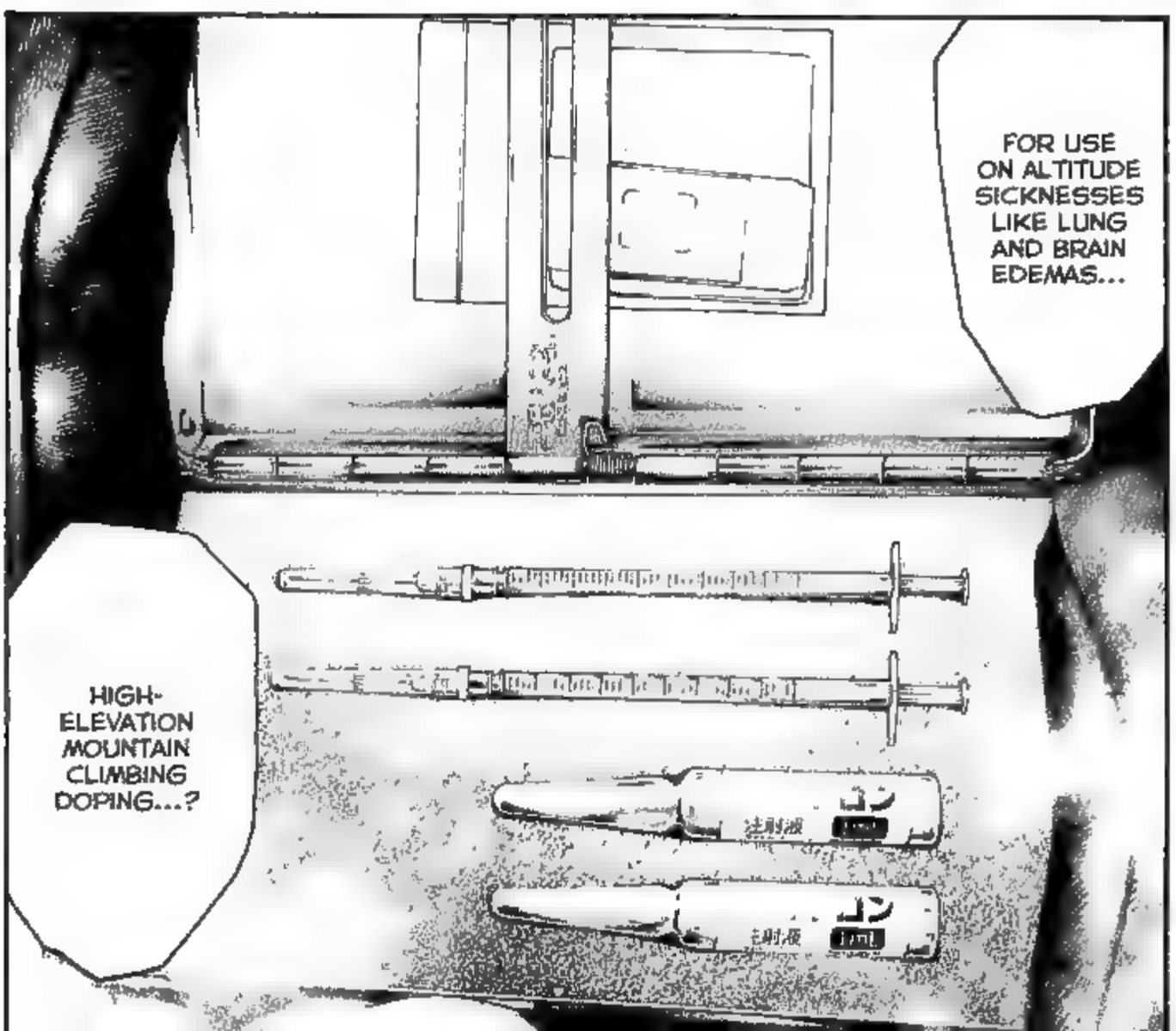
FOR USE ON ALTITUDE SICKNESSES LIKE LUNG AND BRAIN EDEMAS...
HIGH-ELEVATION MOUNTAIN CLIMBING DOPING...?

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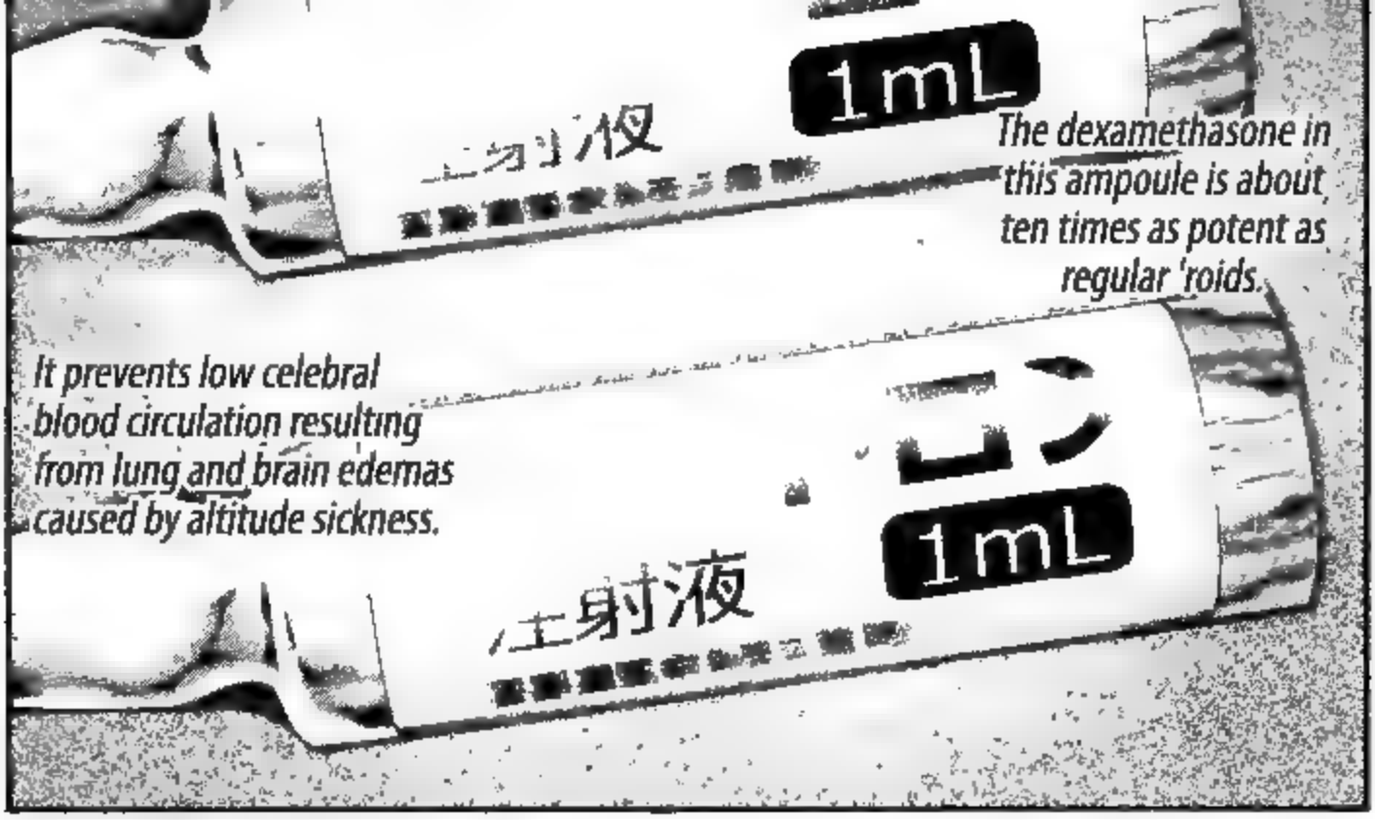
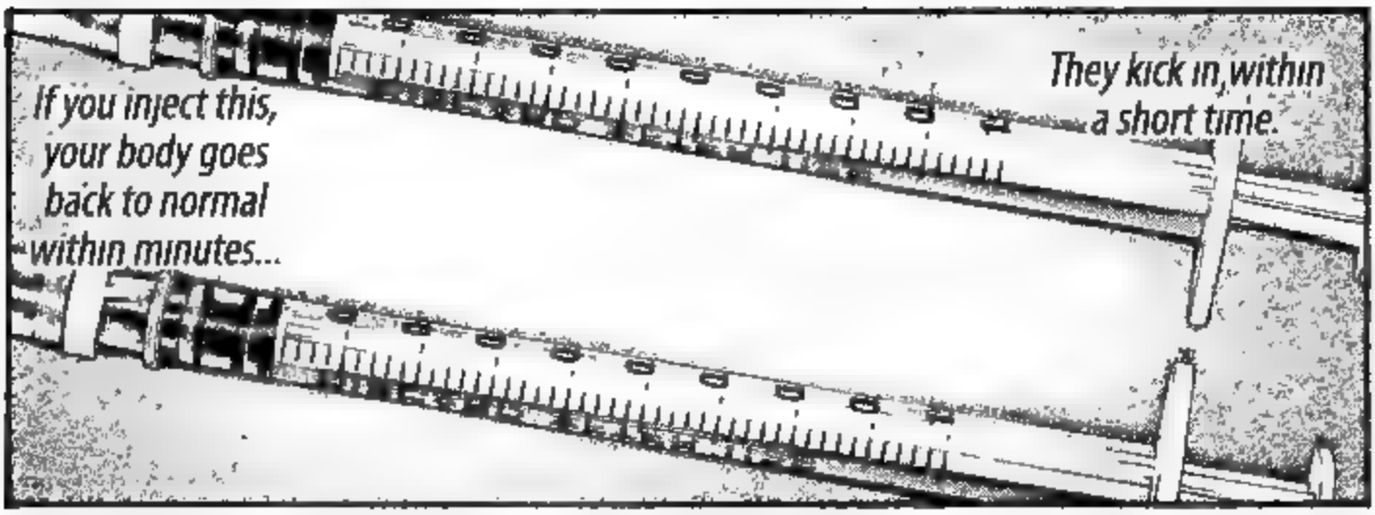
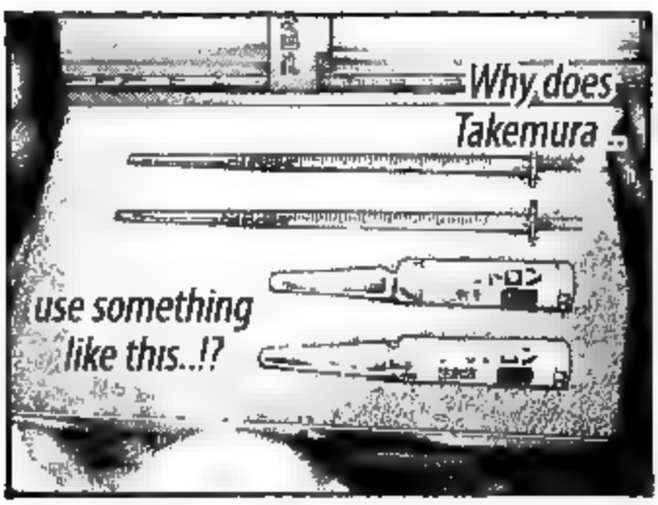
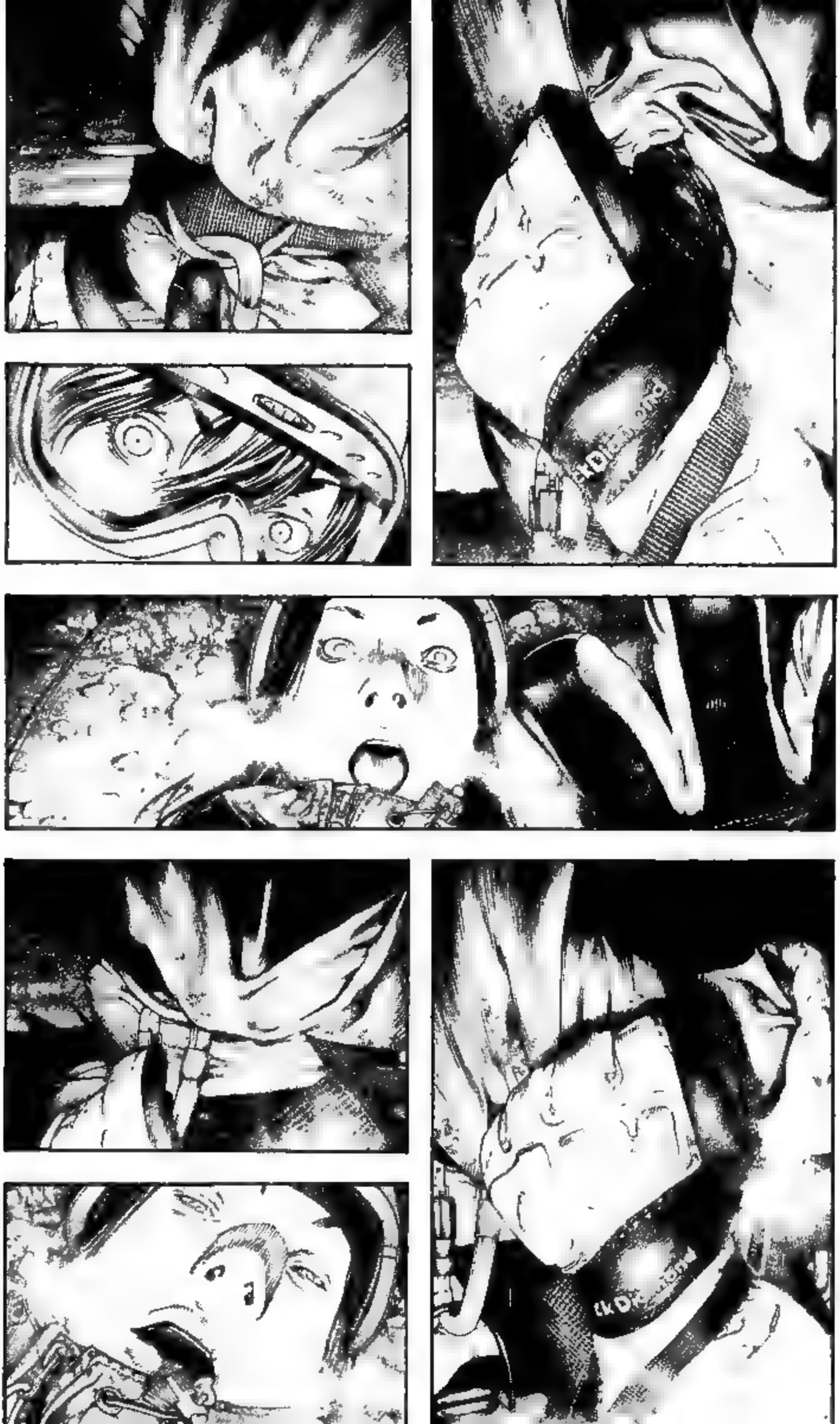
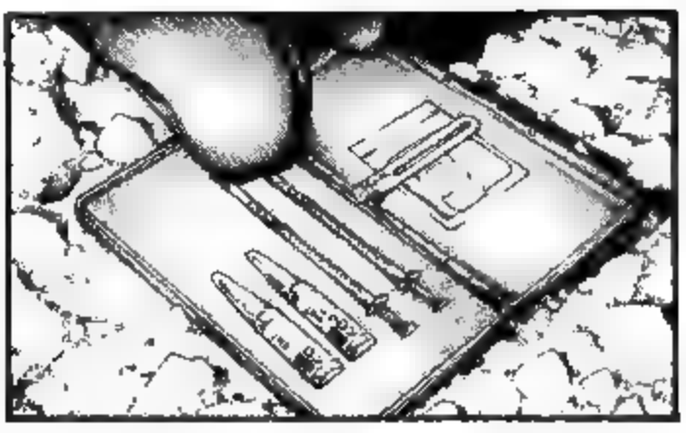

1mL
The dexamethasone in this ampoule is about ten times as potent as regular 'roids.
It prevents low celebral blood circulation resulting from lung and brain edemas caused by altitude sickness.
1mL

*BOTTLES: INJECTION LIQUID









Is this really all right?

If we use this drug even once...
This isn't a mountain climb anymore.

Mr Willie Raven.
Tobias
2517KC.
The Netherlands

American
Den

Subject- WILLIE RAVEN ALPINE K-2 (8[illegible]M EXPEDITION 2011 LED BY WILLIE RAVEN

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Government of Pakistan has been pleased to grant you permission for making the peak(s) in accordance with the details given below

a Please reach Islamabad on the date specified therein, the Liaison Officer to be attach with the expedition would report to us the next day.

b) Please go through the enclosed Points of Attention carefully and fill in the Form of Mountaineering Expeditions which may be returned at least two months before arrival The party in Pakistan. Otherwise it would be presumed that you do not want the Government to assist you in procuring the items specified therein.

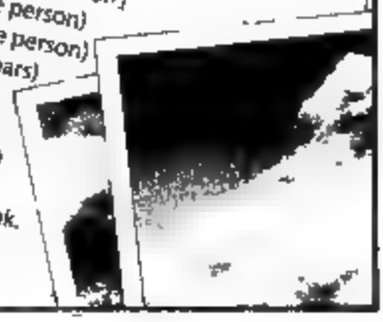
c) The name and measurements of the Liaison Officer detailed with the party would be

K2 East-Face Schedule

6/19 (Only Takemura) Narita -> Islamabad
21st (Meet up with Mister Katou) stay at Islamabad
Fill out Tourism Ministry's mountaineering processing.
Liason officer
Rawalpindi (Nearby the capital)
22nd Islamabad -> Skardu
22nd Stay at Skardu
Re-pack team baggage (25kg).
Skardu -> Askole
23rd Meet up with the caravan and the local porter.
Hand over baggage.
Askole -> Jora
Jora -> Paiju
-> Urdukas

High Elevation Foodstuffs List

Freeze dried risotto - Rice 1 (cut off)
Ramen 2 meals (For one person)
Soup 4 portions (For one person)
Chocolate bars (Energy bars)
Biscuit 1 (For one person)
1 day 3 (For one person)
Condensed Milk 1 (For two people)
other, powdered sports drink.

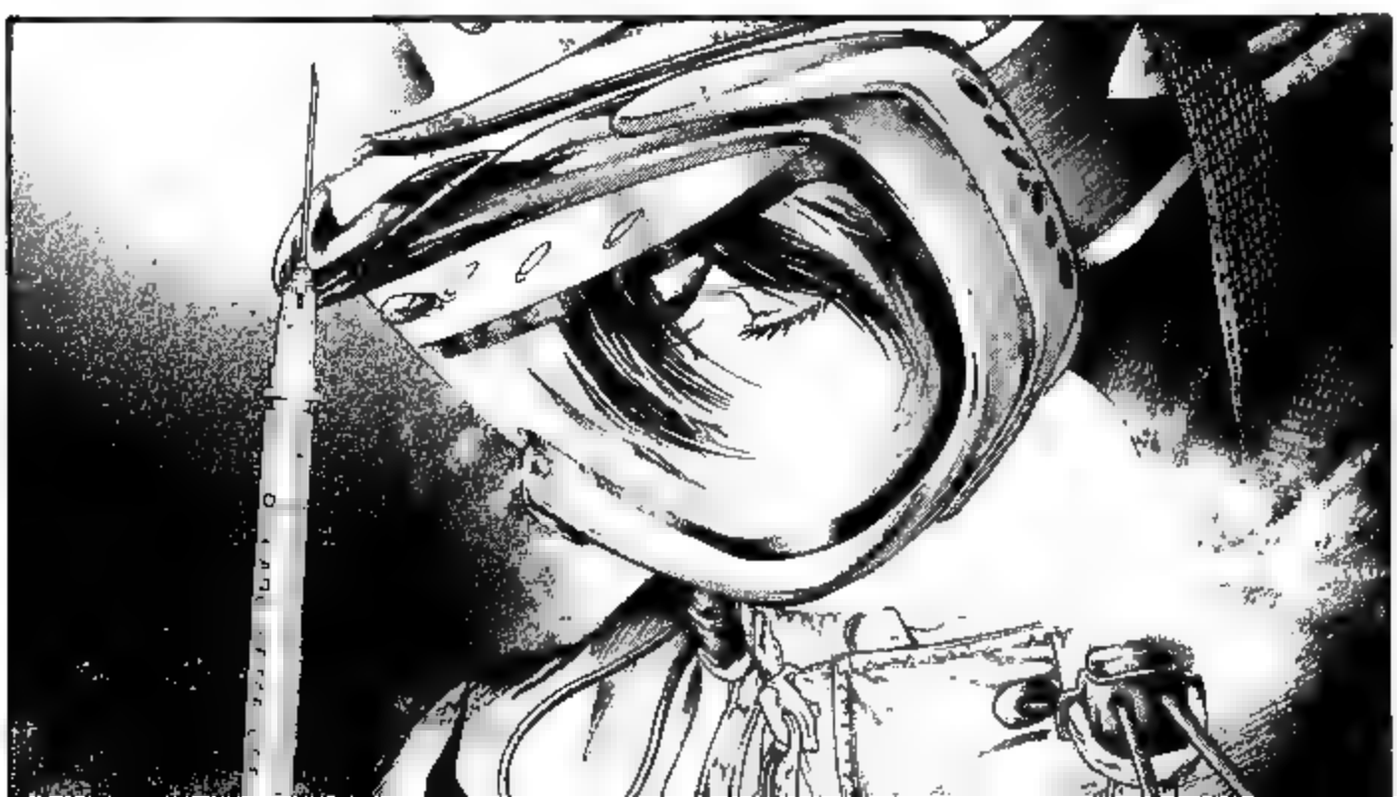


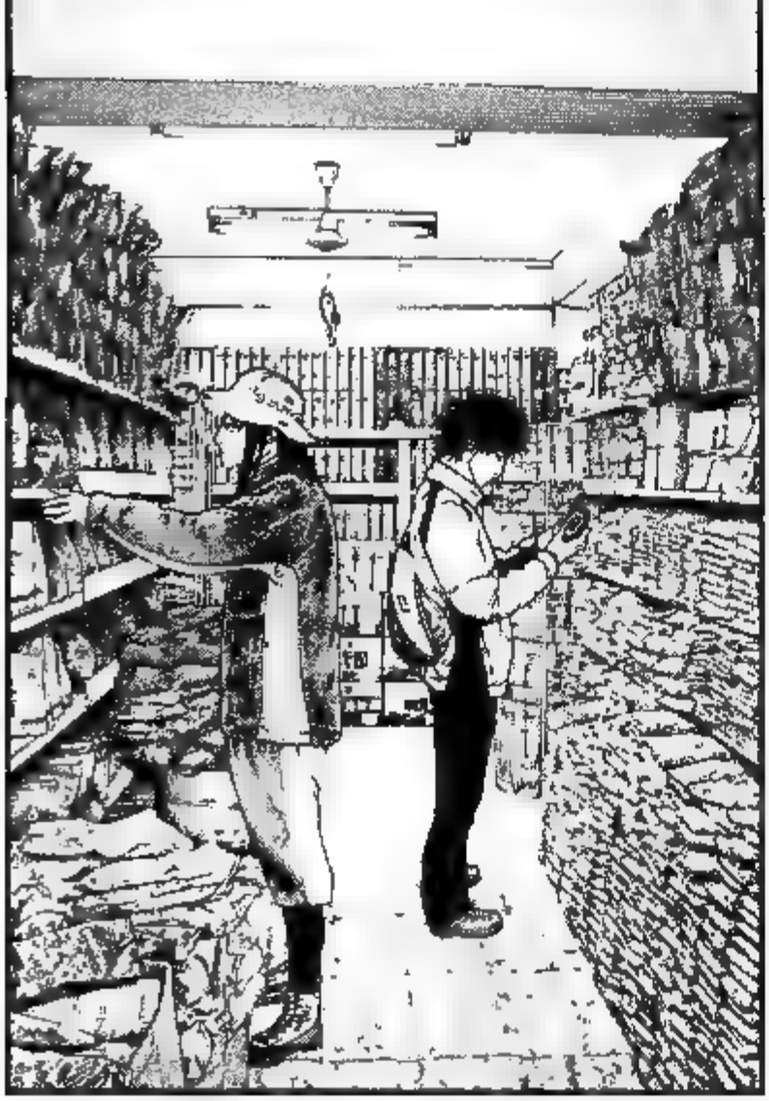
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____

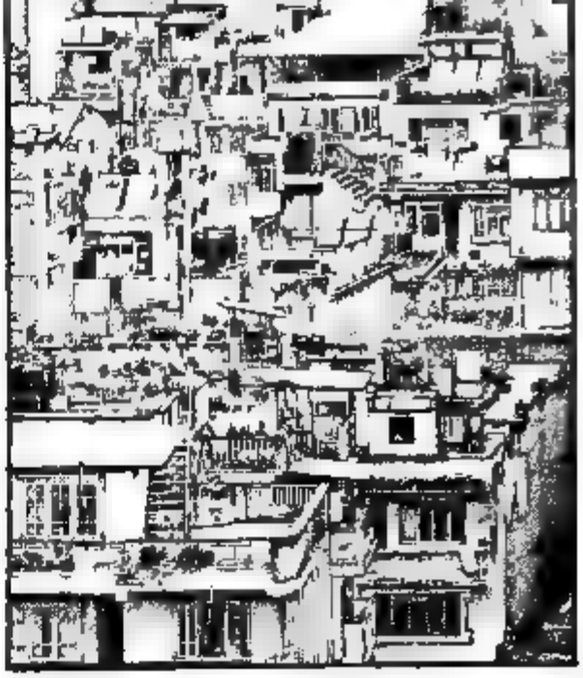
6. SECTION I (APPLICANT'S DETAILS)

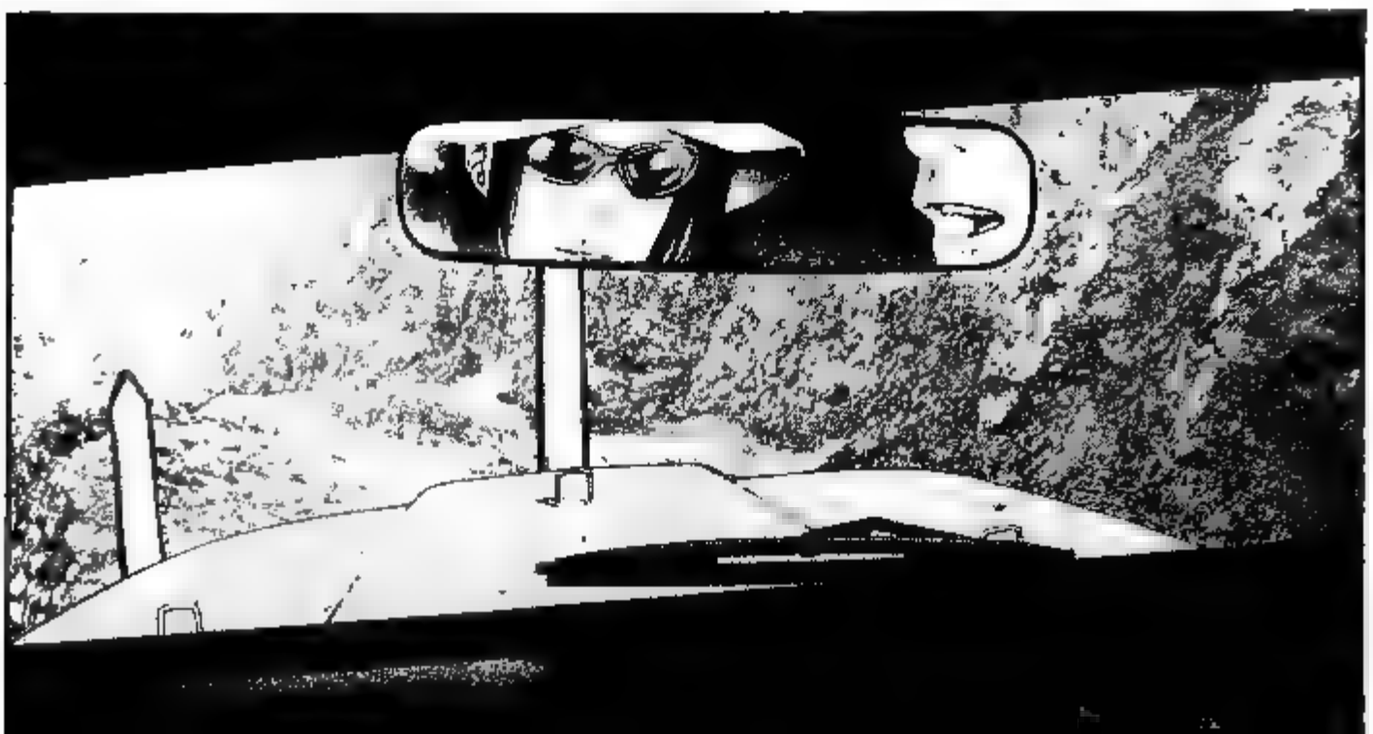
i. Name as in Passport: AYUMU (First) _____ (Middle) TAKEMURA (Last)

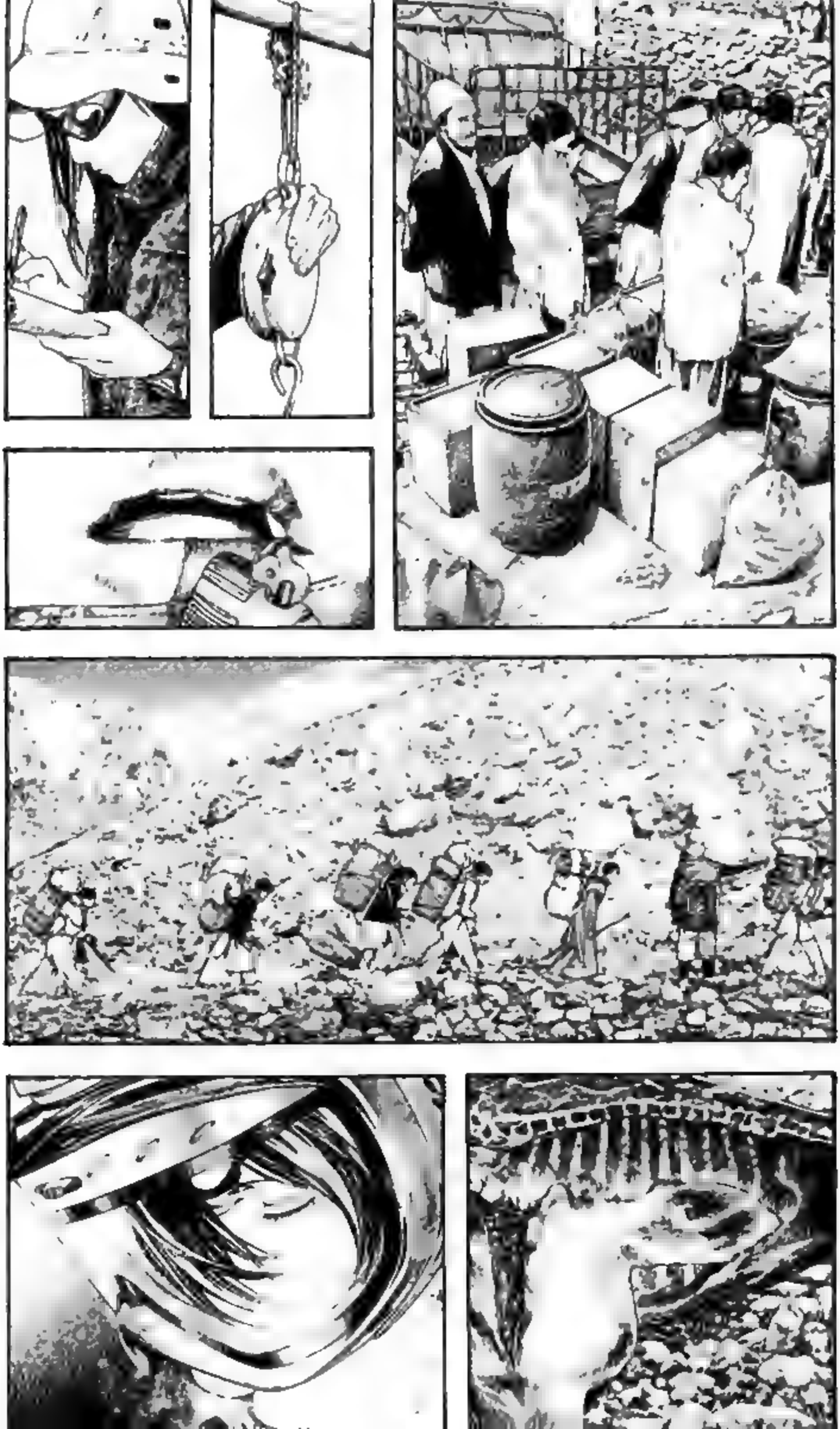
ii. Date of Birth. 13/11/19[illegible] (dd/mm/yyyy)

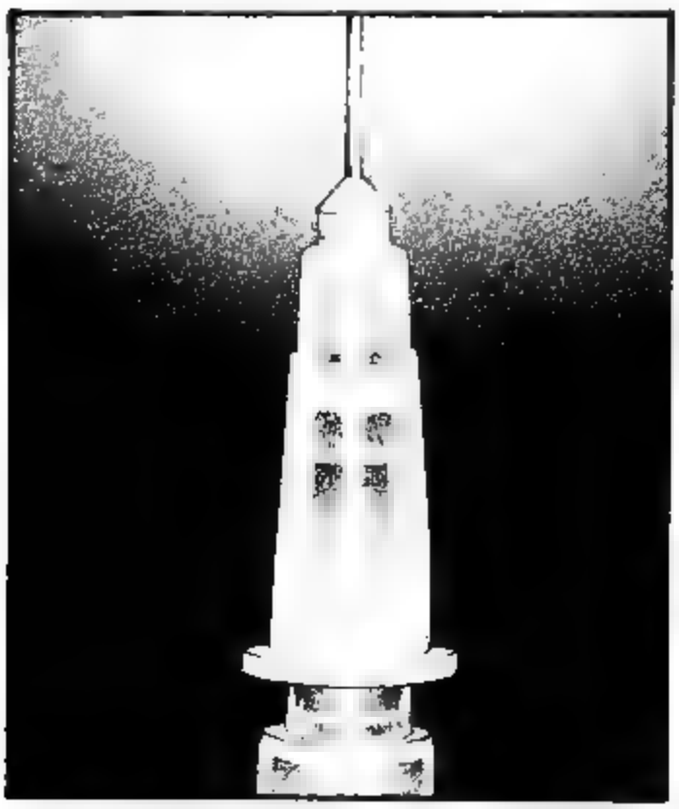


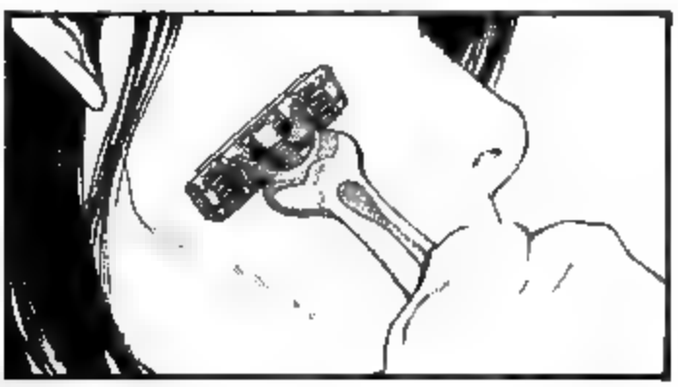


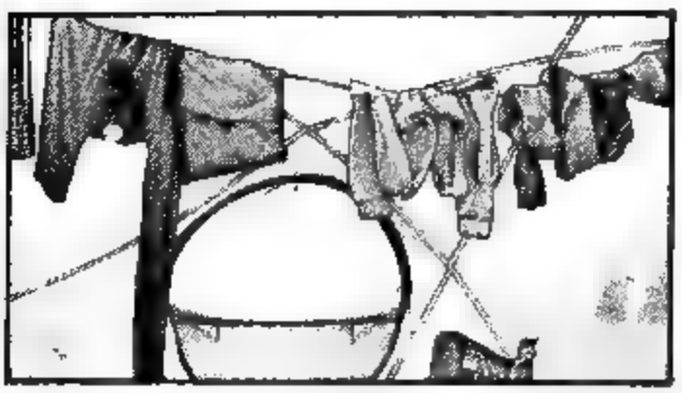


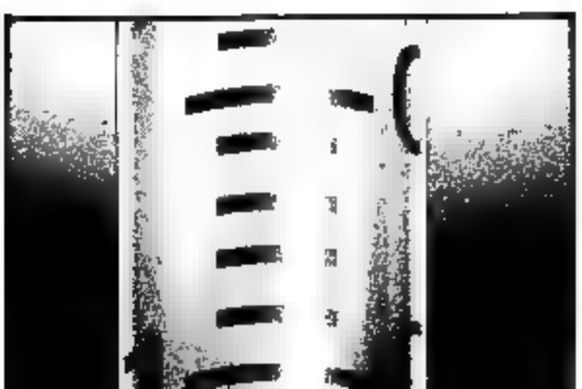


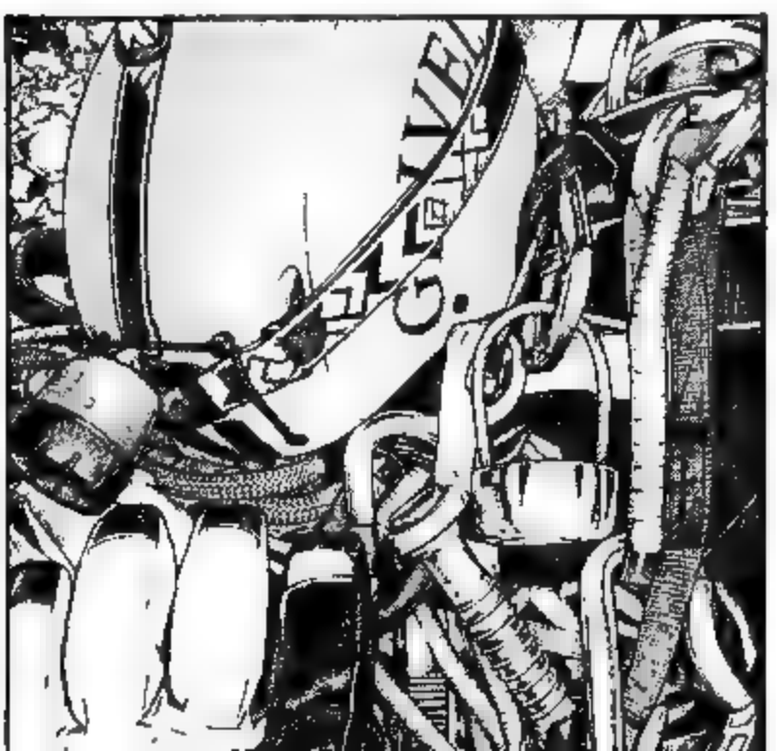






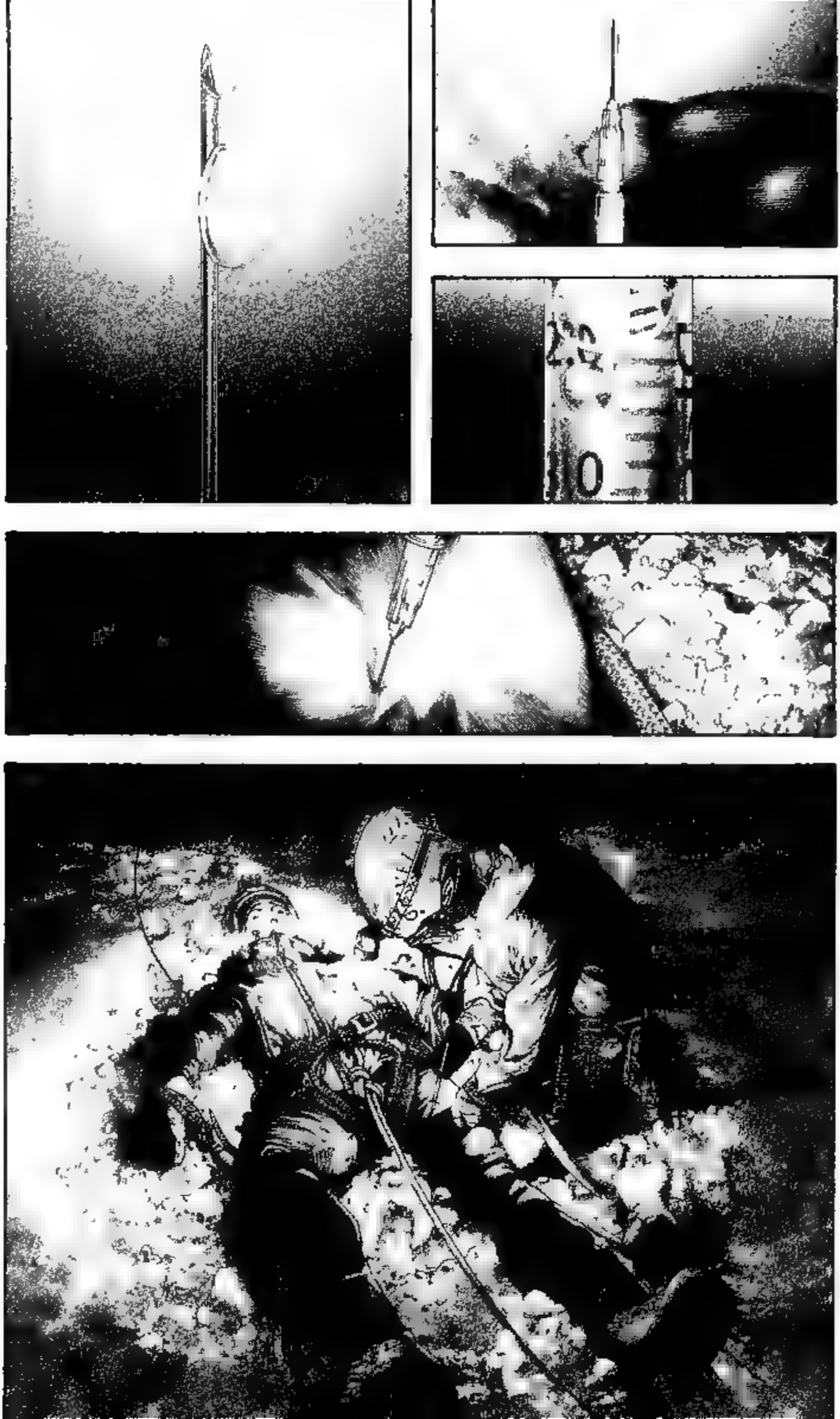


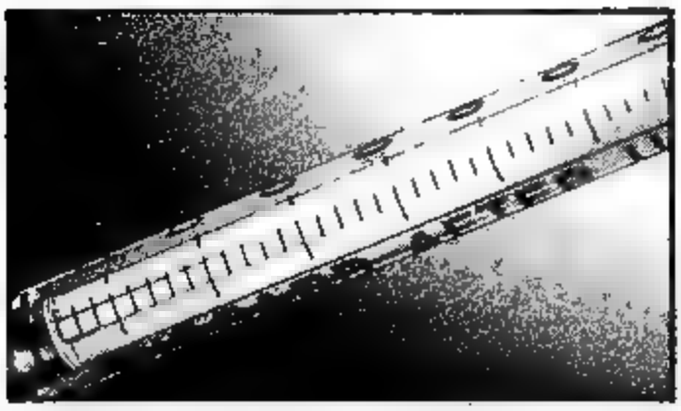


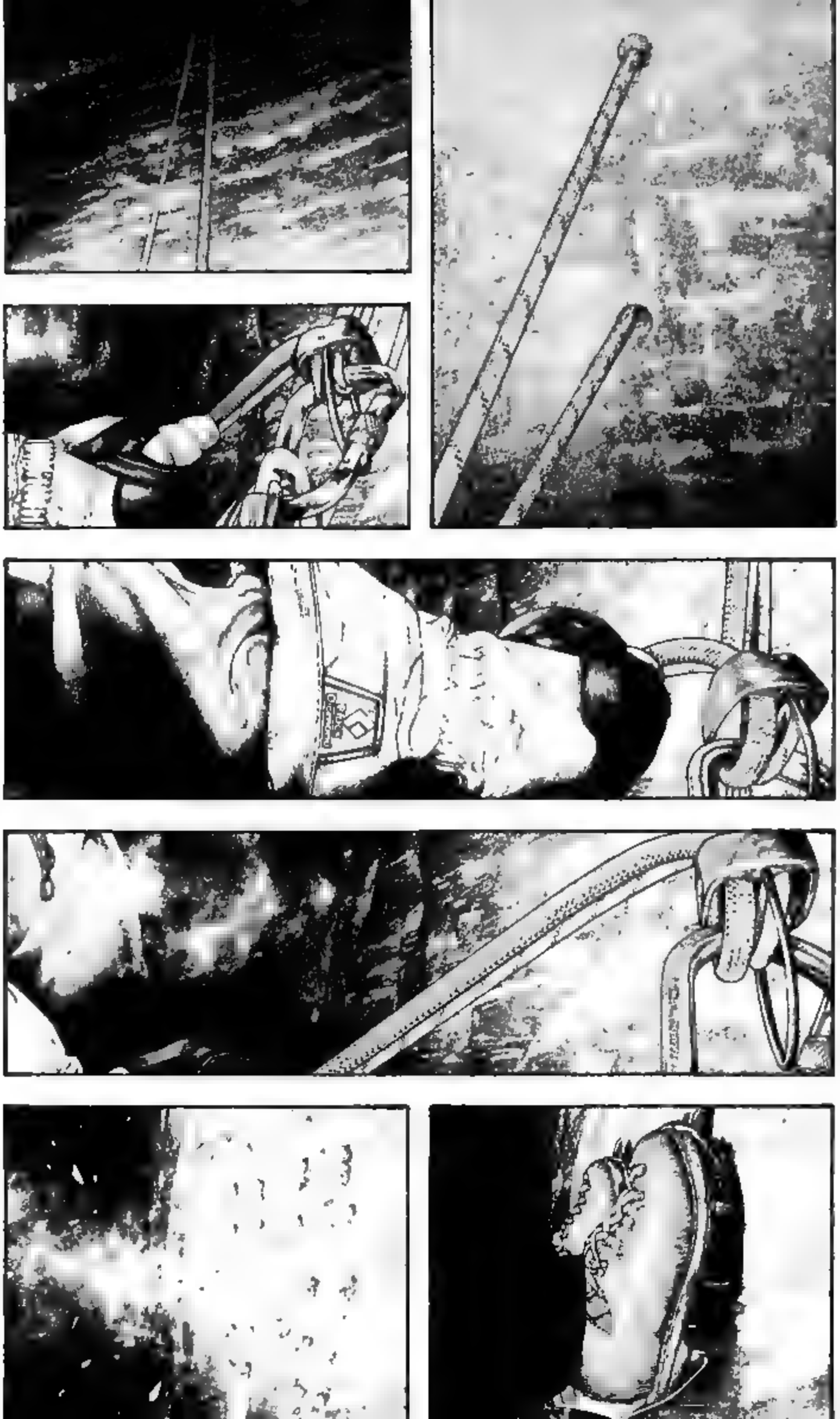


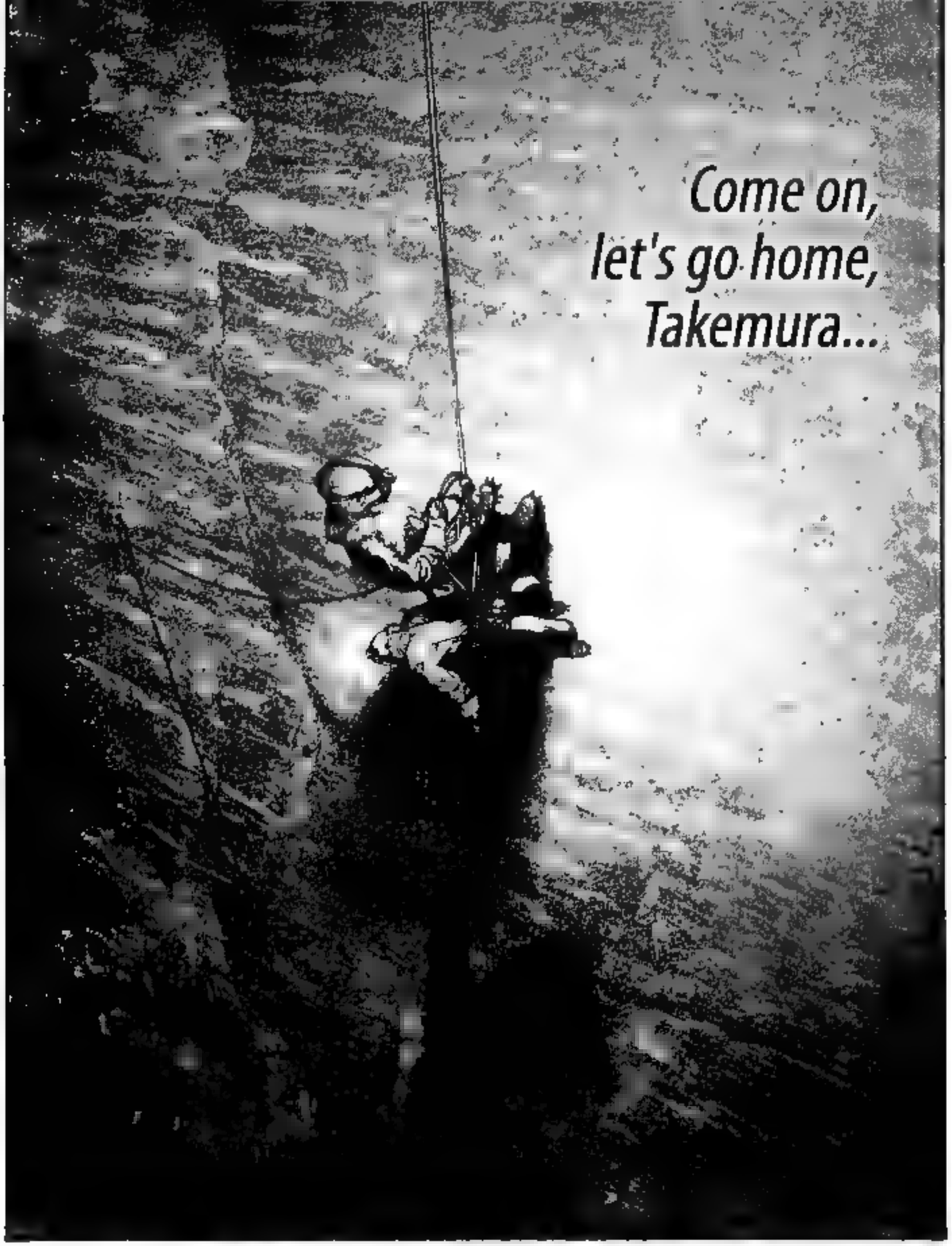
If I inject this...

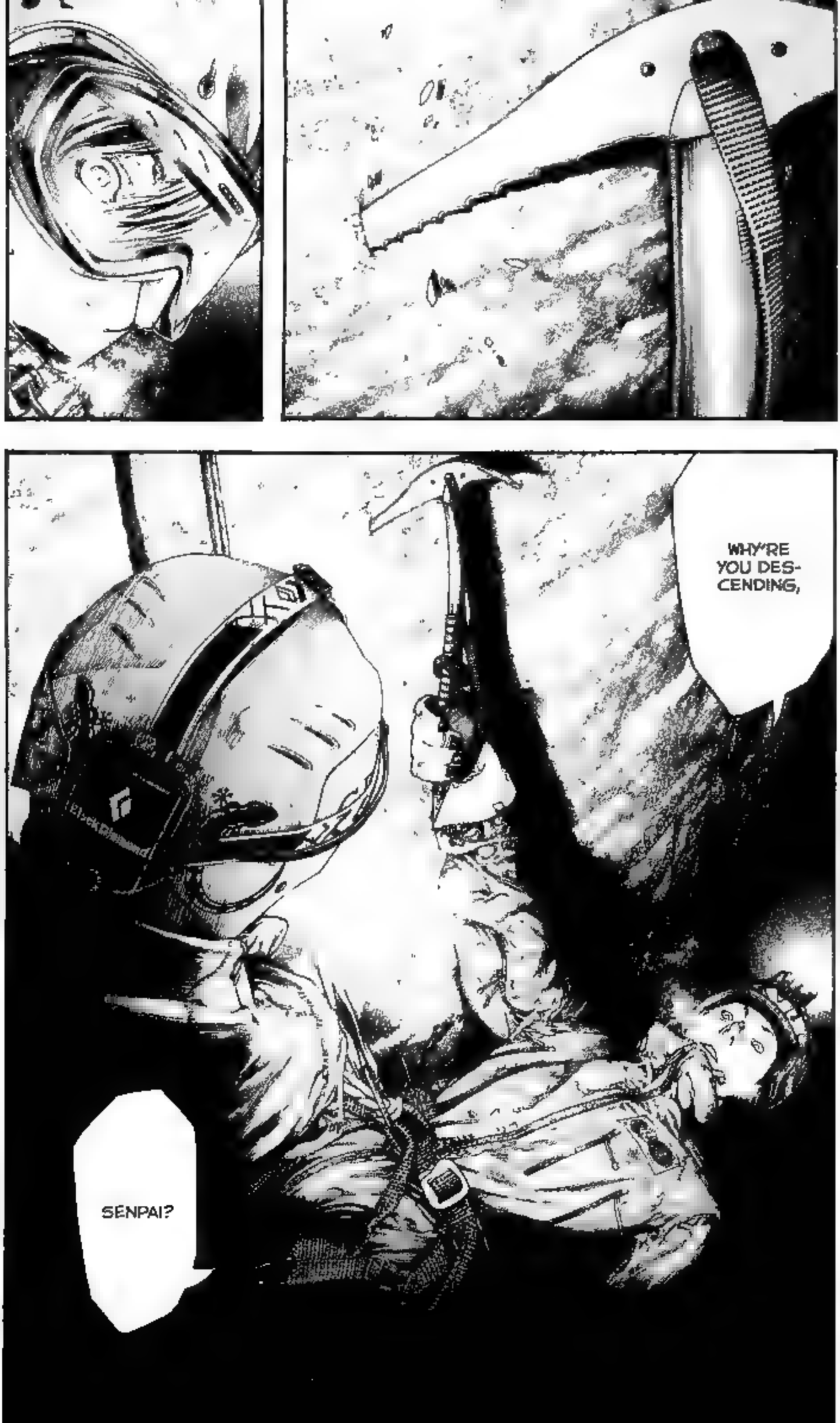
Everything we've worked so hard for will be gone...








Come on,
let's go home,
Takemura...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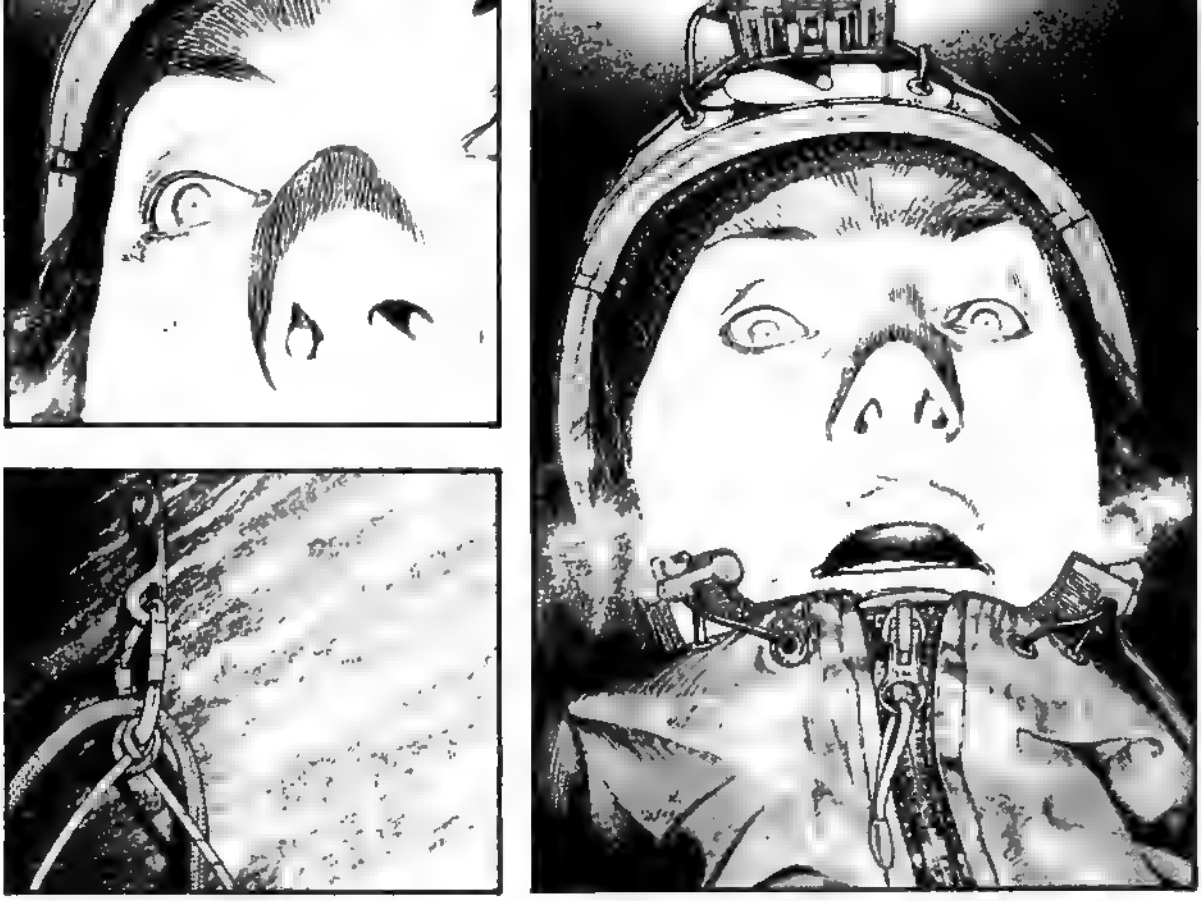
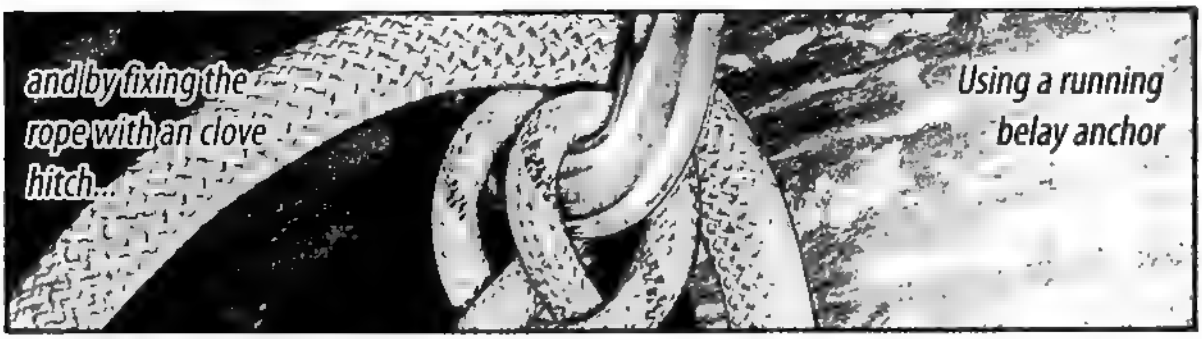
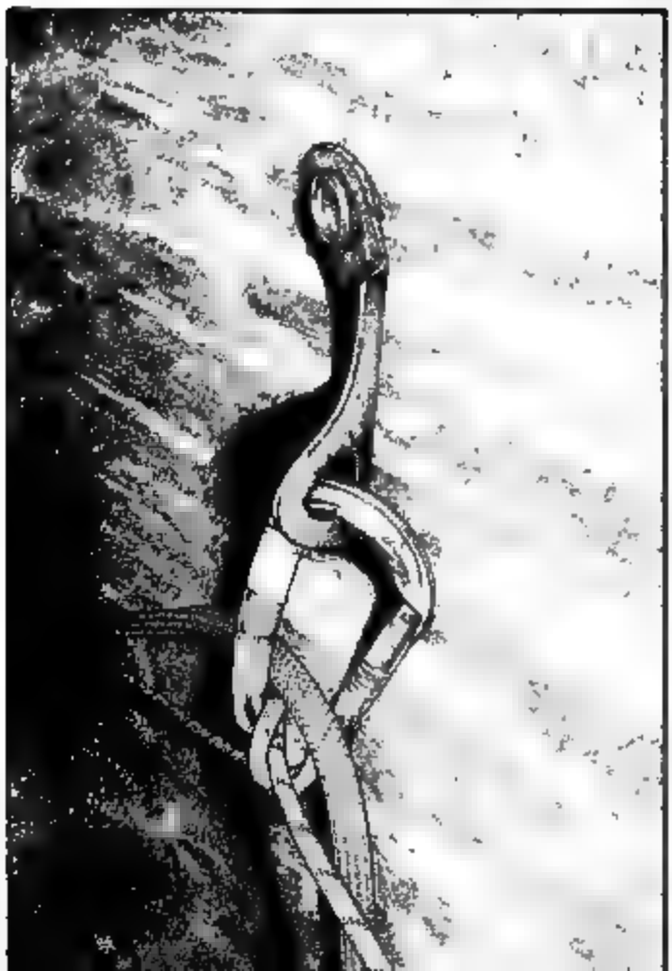
...TAKE-MURA.
YOU CAN TELL BY LOOKING, CAN'T YOU?

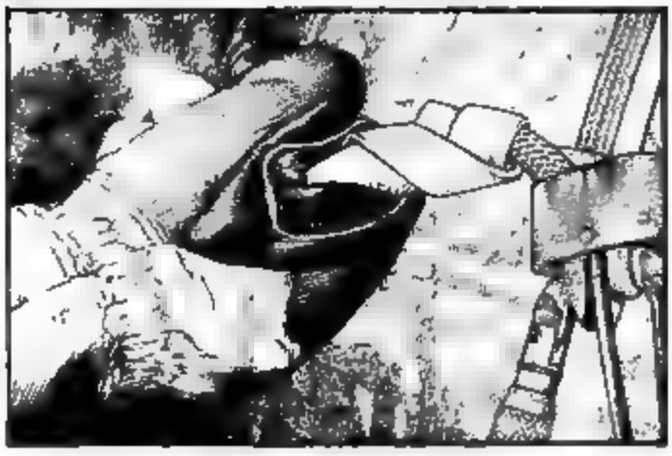


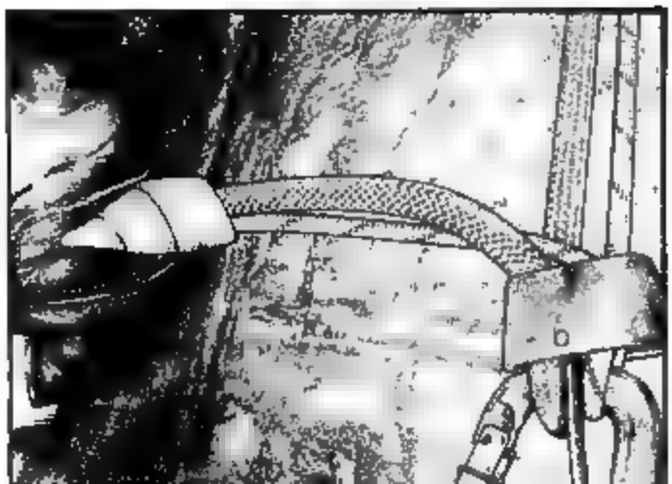

and by fixing the rope with an clove hitch...
Using a running belay anchor

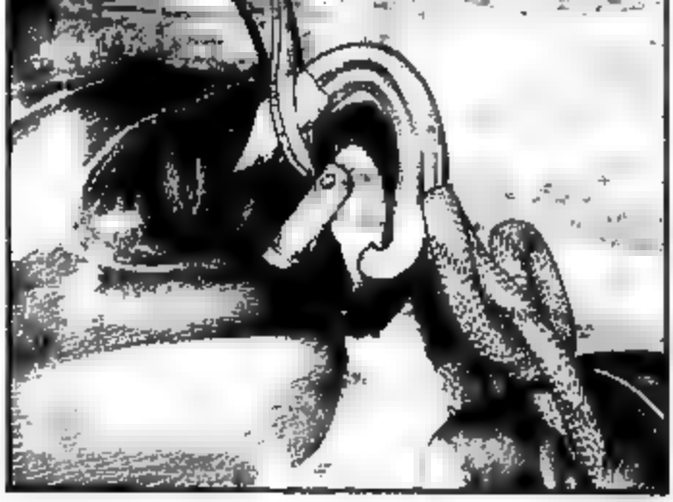
If by the minuscule chance senpai fell,
he wouldn't drag me down with him...

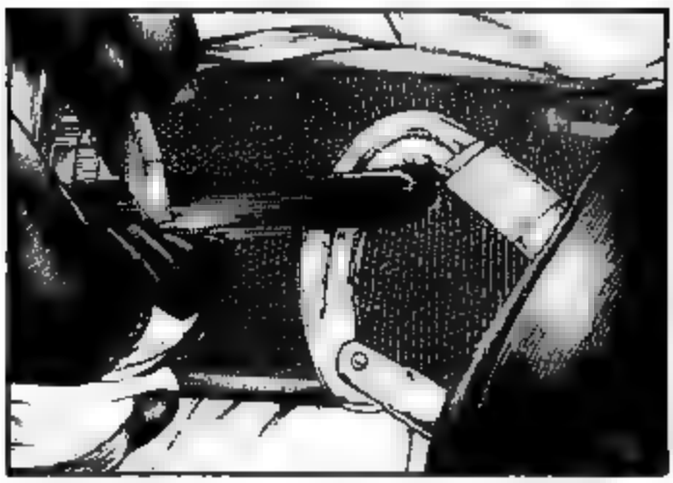
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET GOING.
ONCE WE'RE LOWER DOWN, I'LL INJECT YOU AGAIN...

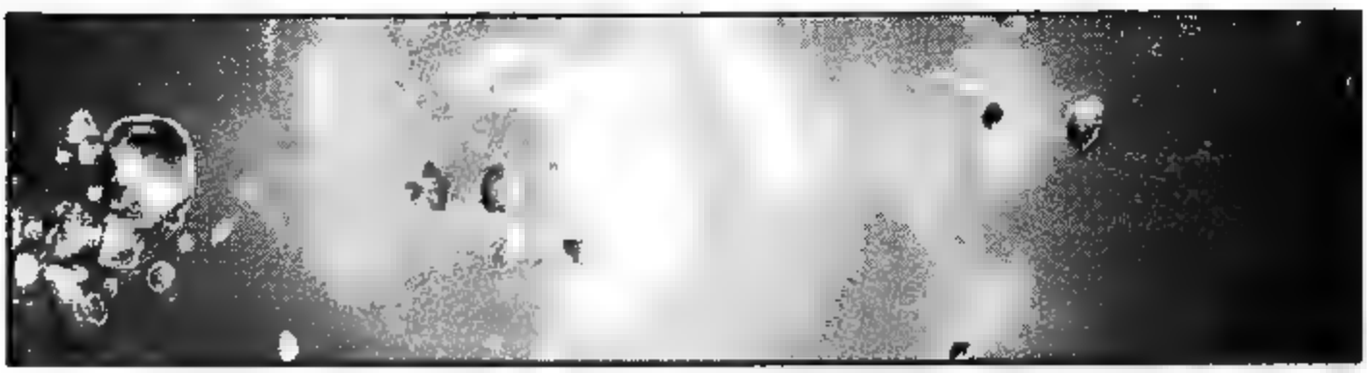


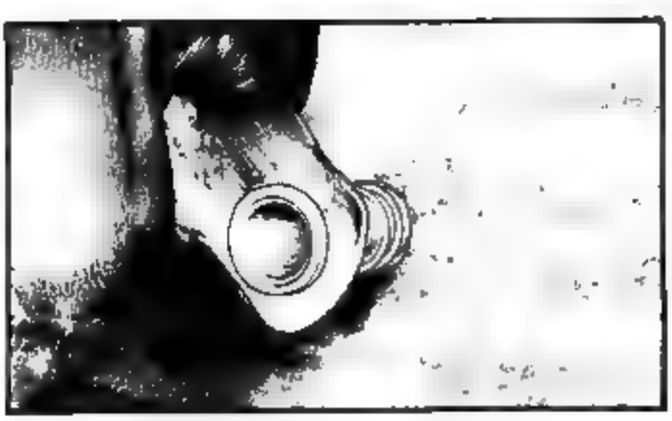


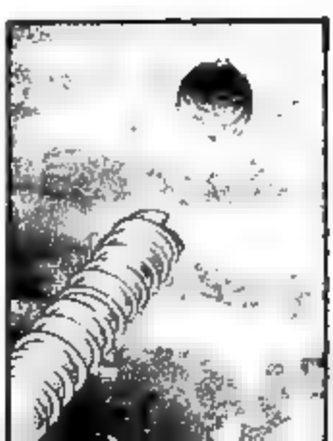


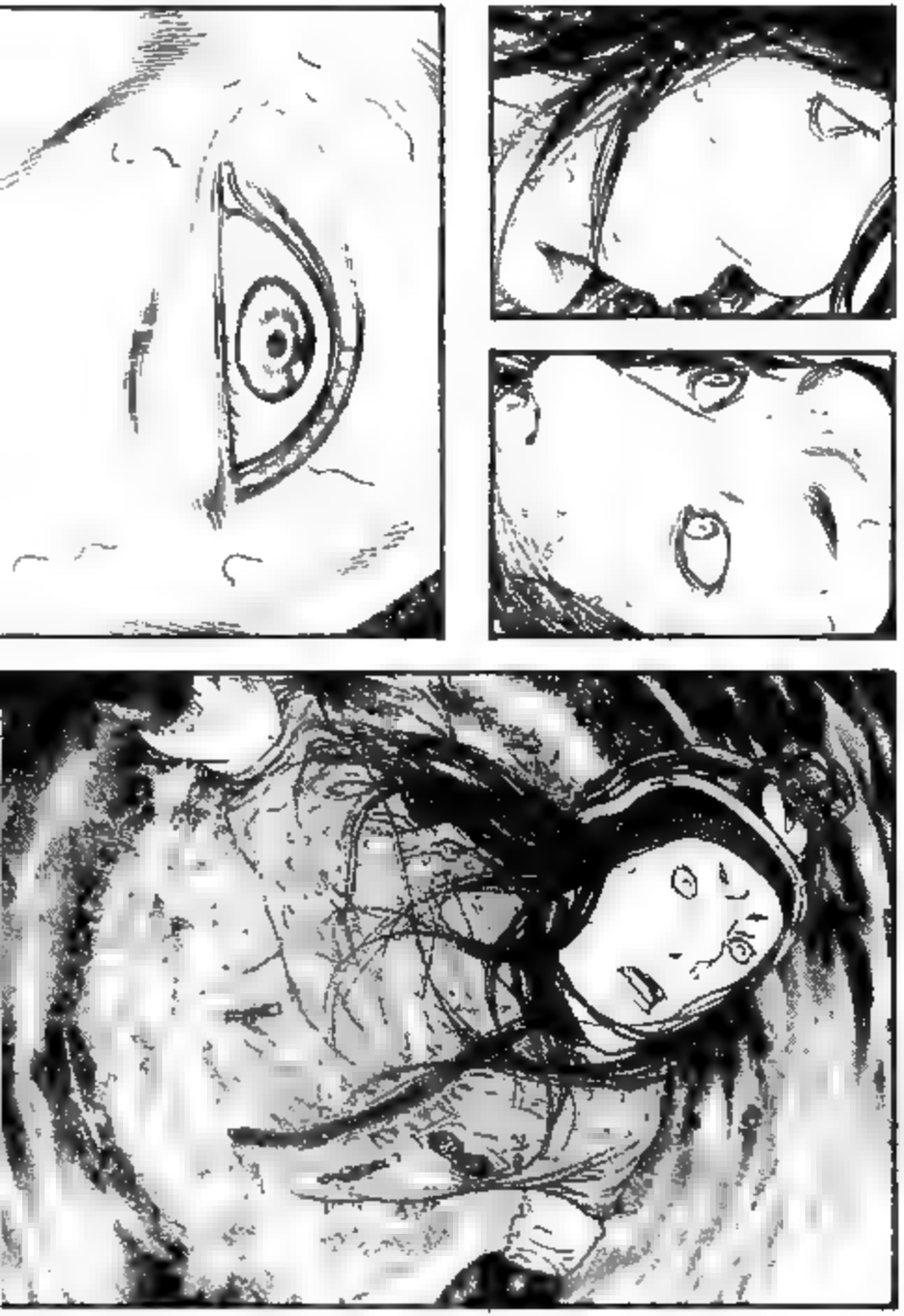


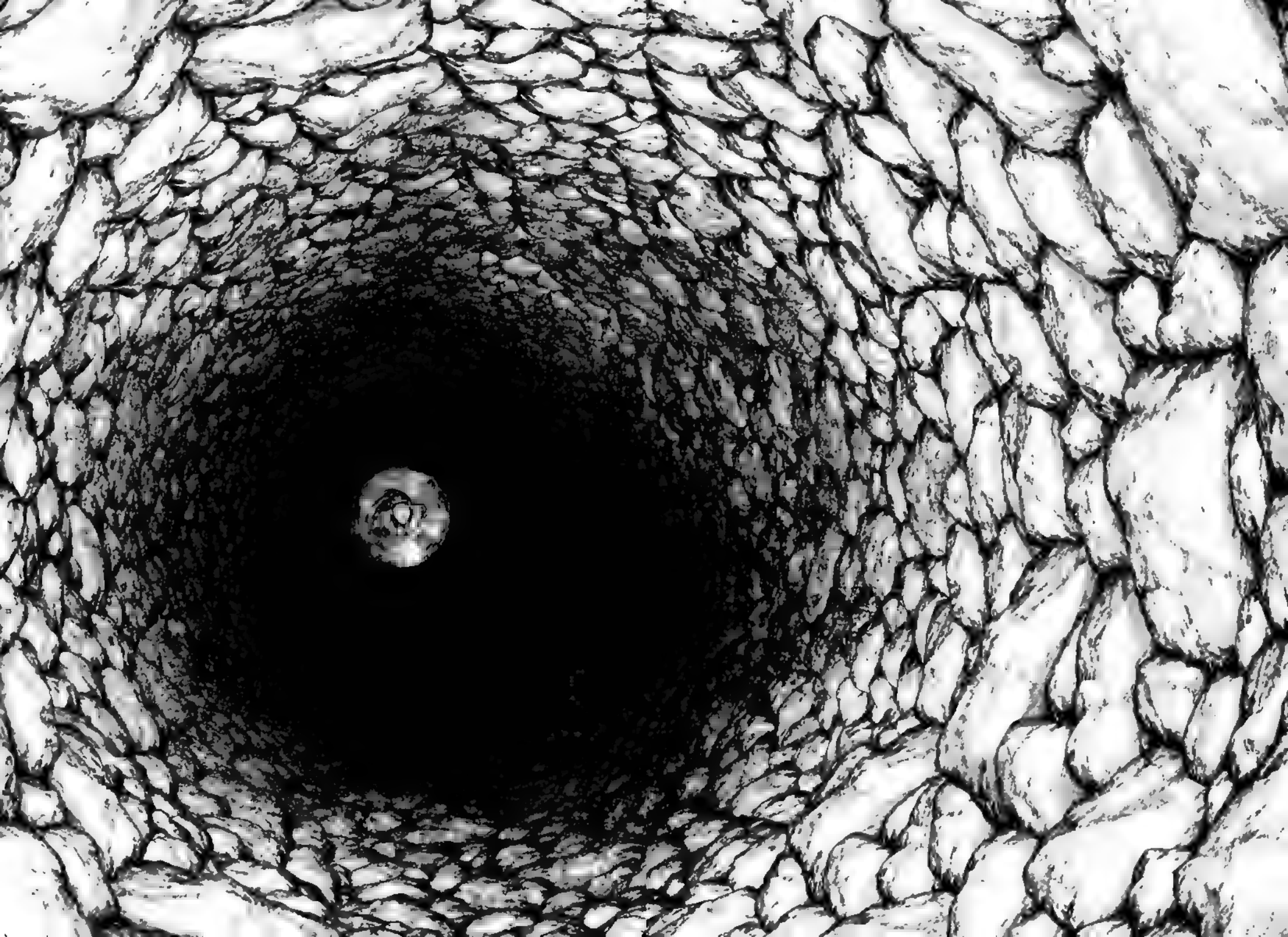


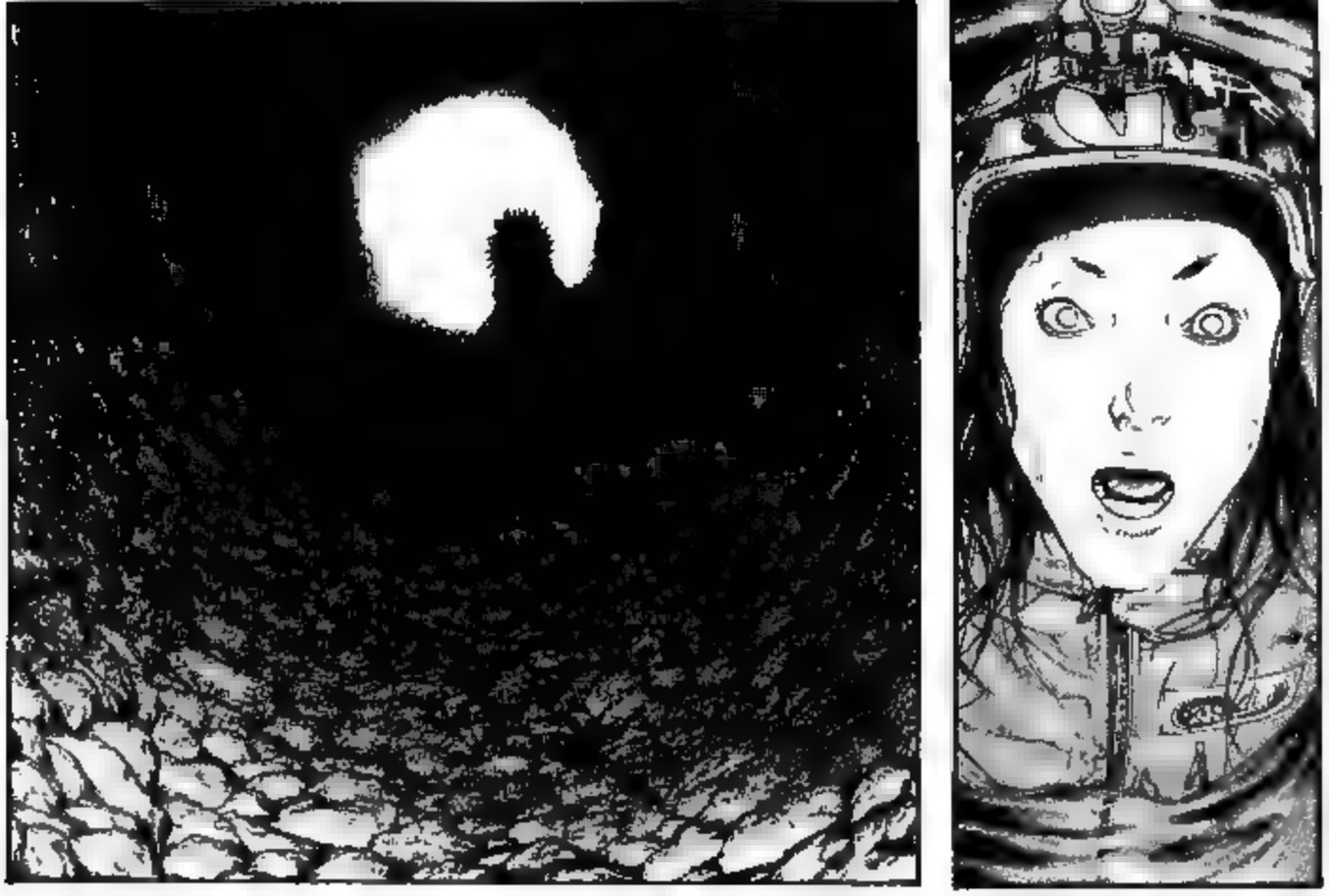












TAKE
MURA
...

!!

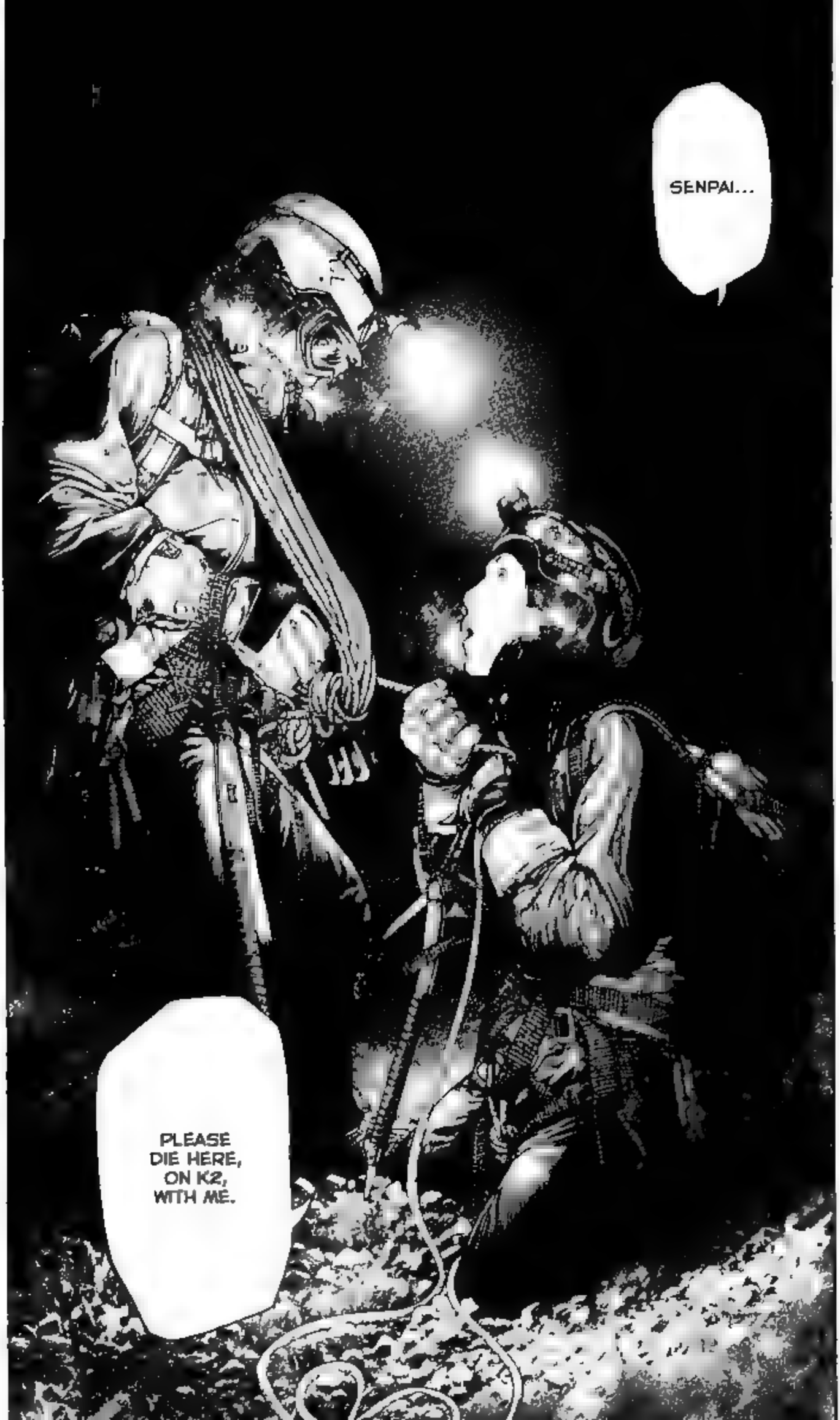
I JUST INJECTED YOU A SECOND TIME.
ONCE YOU'VE COME BACK TO YOUR SENSES, WE'LL KEEP ON DESCENDING TOGETHER, CONTINUOUSLY.
7190m
0:06
AND THIS ISN'T YOUR FIRST TIME, IS IT...?
...AT FIRST, WHEN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS WAS STILL HAZY, YOU TRIED TO INJECT IT YOURSELF.
EH...?

I'M NOT TEAMING UP WITH YOU AGAIN.
OUR TEAM IS OVER.

TA-TAKE MURA!?

WHY'RE YOU LOOK-ING DOWN ON MY FROM A PLACE LIKE THAT...?

I WON'T LET GO...
IS IT BECAUSE YOU GOT MARRIED AND FOUND HAPPINESS ALL BY YOURSELF...
THAT YOU DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE...?
TAKEMURA, GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER!!
ONCE YOU'VE FORMED A PARTY,
WHETHER YOU LIVE OR DIE, YOU'RE ONE UNIT.
Diamond


SENPAI...
PLEASE DIE HERE, ON K2, WITH ME.

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I'M... SO LONELY...
I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE ANYMORE...
#146 - CLIMB: Hero

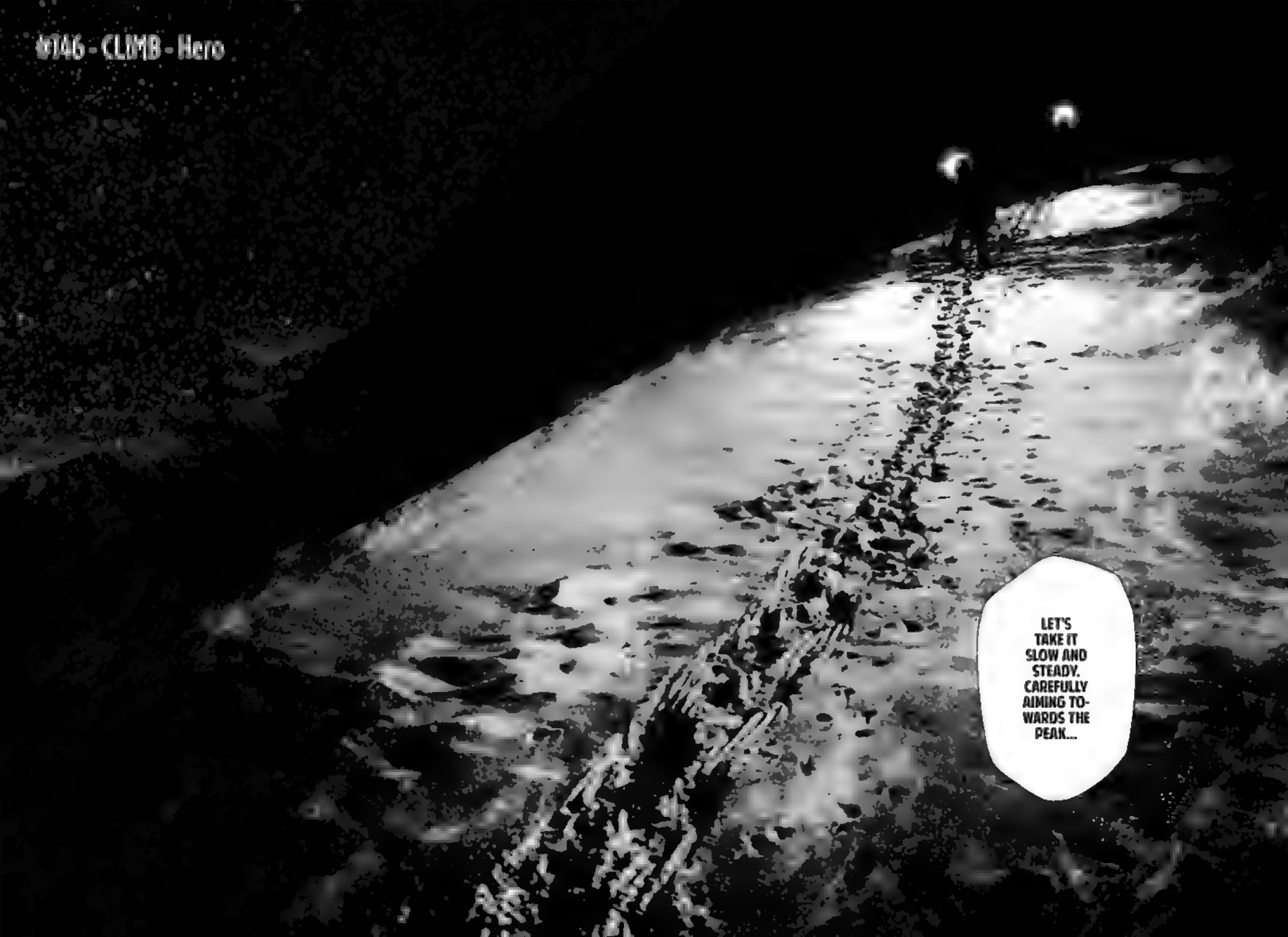
HUH?!

DID I JUST HEAR SOME-BODY'S VOICE...?
IT'S PROBABLY THE RESCUE CREW...
TA... TAKE-MURA ...!?

AH, THERE THEY ARE. HEY, WE'RE OVER HERE. HEEEEEEY!
WE'RE GONNA TACKLE THE PEAK SOON, PLEASE HURRY!!

He's getting auditory...
and visual hallucinations...!!!

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
THEY'LL CATCH UP.
TAKE-MURA...

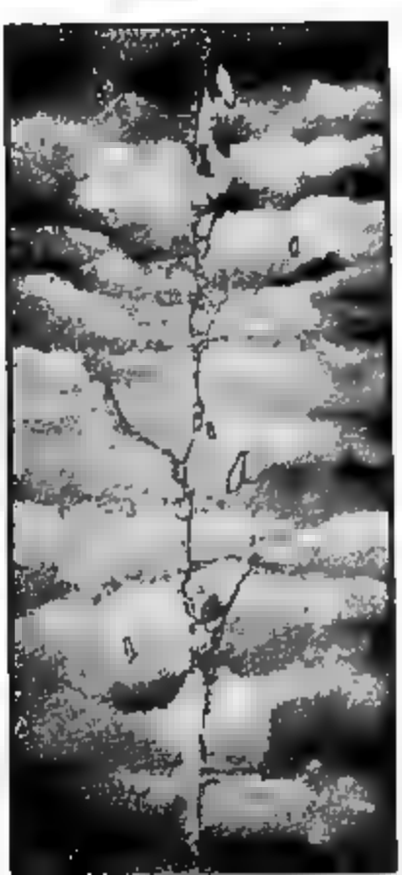

LET'S TAKE IT SLOW AND STEADY. CAREFULLY AIMING TOWARDS THE PEAK...

I need to get us down as fast as possible
The edema in his brain is growing faster than I expected

the only goal being the summit...
He's moving like a zombie...

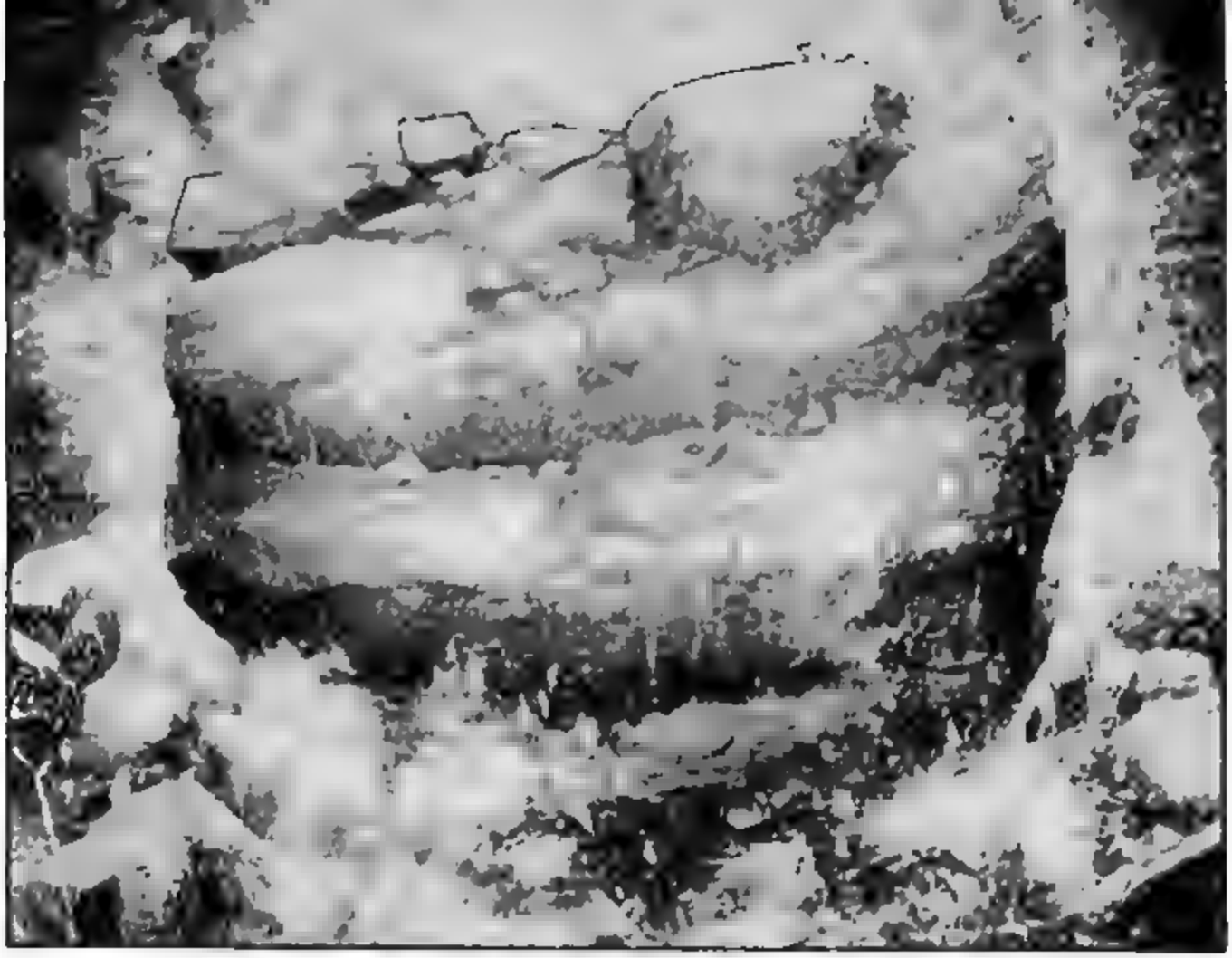
If I can just calmly get him down to 6000m, we should be fine, but...
If we walk forward continuously, even if fall in he falls into a crevasse, I'll be able to support him.

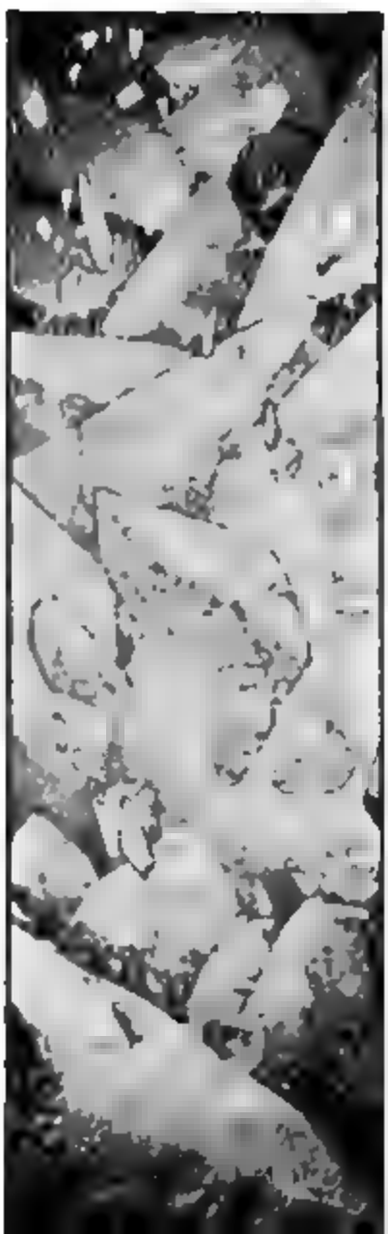
I'M TIRED ...

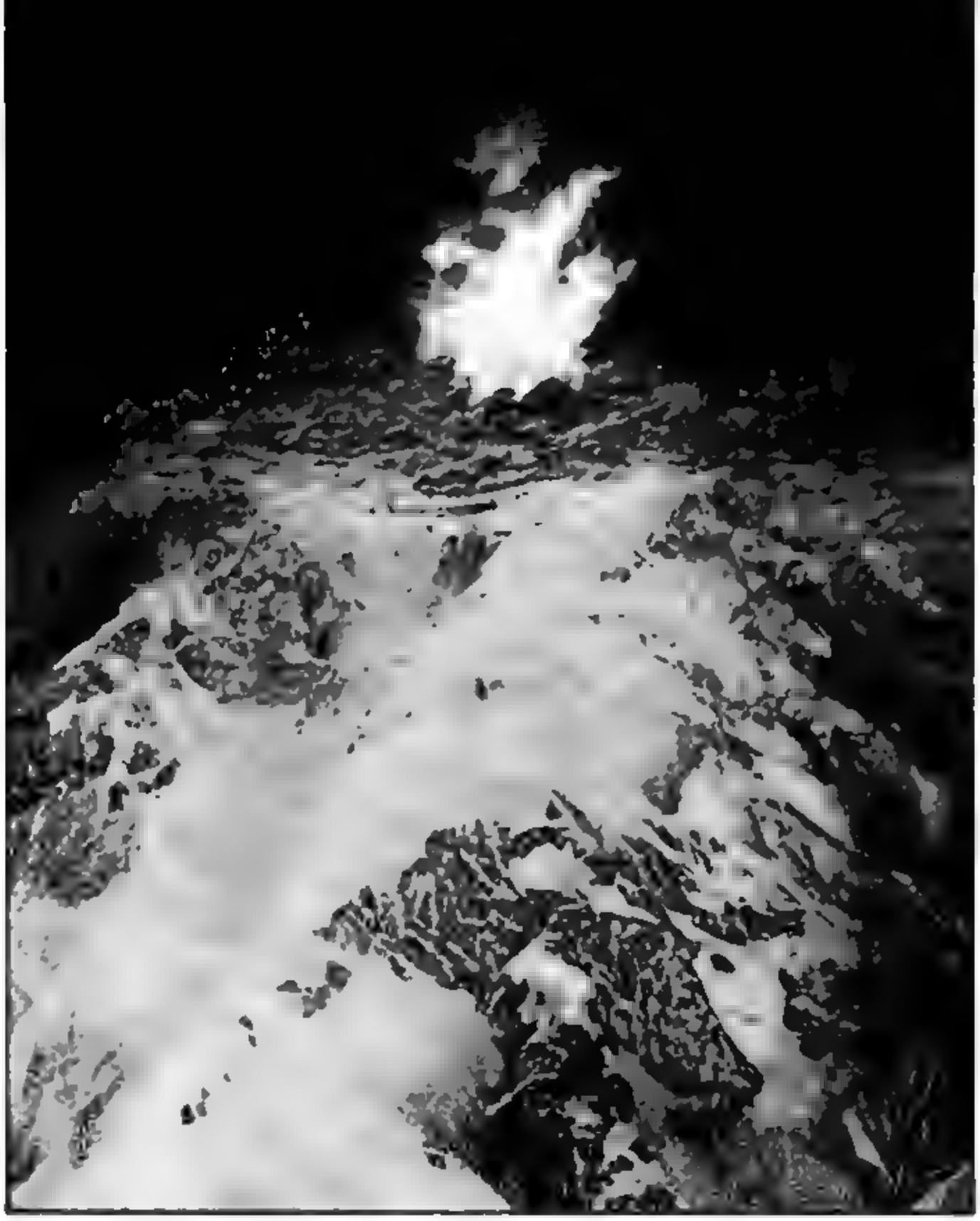


TAKE-
MURA
...!!!
DON'T FALL ASLEEP. GET UP!!!
TAKEMURA. GET YOUR ACT TO-GETHER!!
AH,
AWE-
SOME...

IT'S THE GUY WHO DID THE NORTHERN ALPS TRAVERSAL.
"THE SOLO CLIMBER, MORI BUNTAROU"...



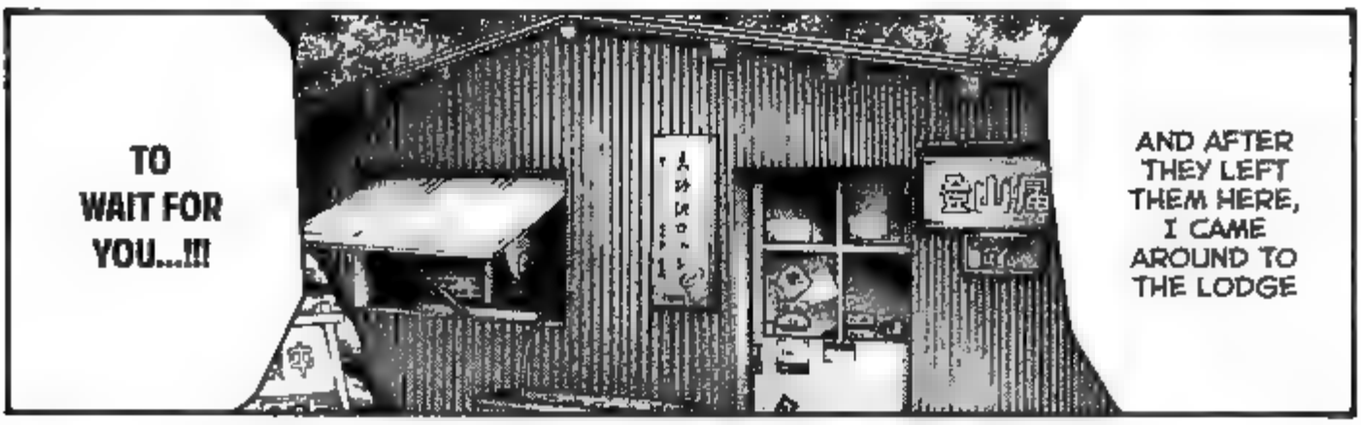




TAKE-
MURA?

I...
I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
I DISTURBED YOU WHEN YOU WAN-TED TO BE ALONE...!

I...I WAS SNOOPING AROUND THE PREFECTURAL POLICE MOUNTAIN GUARDS.
AND I WAS TOLD THAT YOU HAD STORED SNOW LEVEL MEASUREMENT TOOLS AT MASAGOZAWA LODGE HERE.

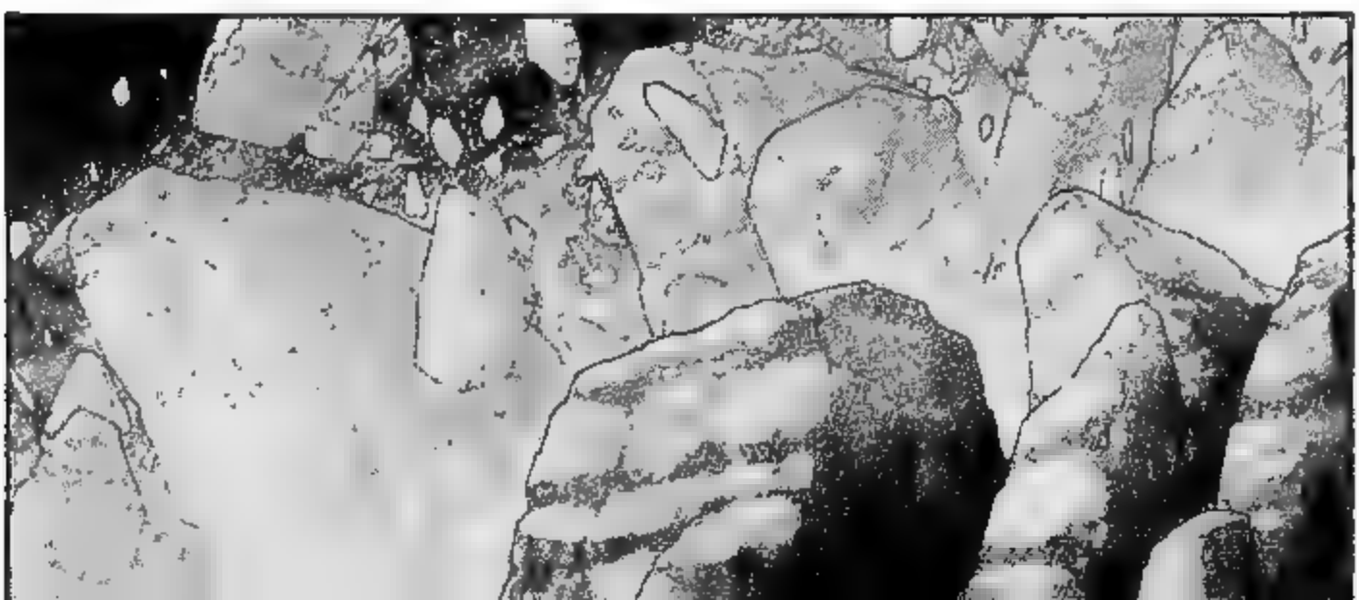

TO WAIT FOR YOU...!!!
AND AFTER THEY LEFT THEM HERE, I CAME AROUND TO THE LODGE

I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY I WAS SO SELFISH!

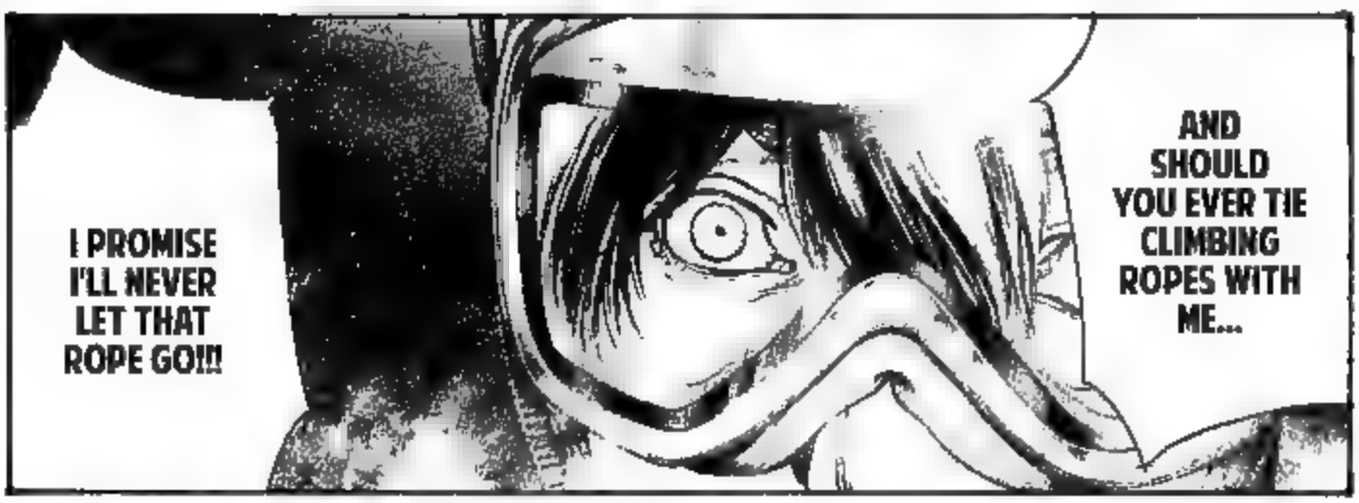
B-BUT ...

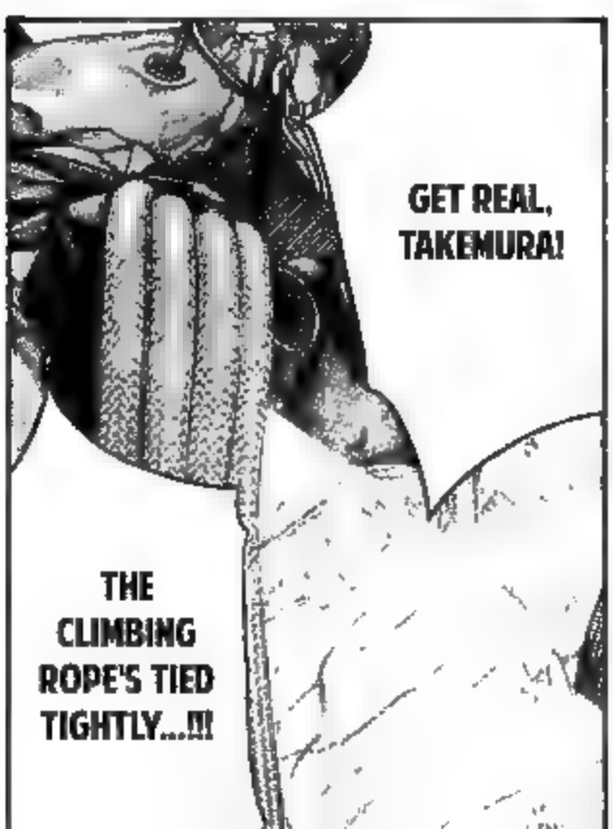
MASGOZAWA LODGE!? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, TAKEMURA!?
WE'RE NOT ON MOUNT TSURUGI, THIS IS K2 TAKEMURA!!

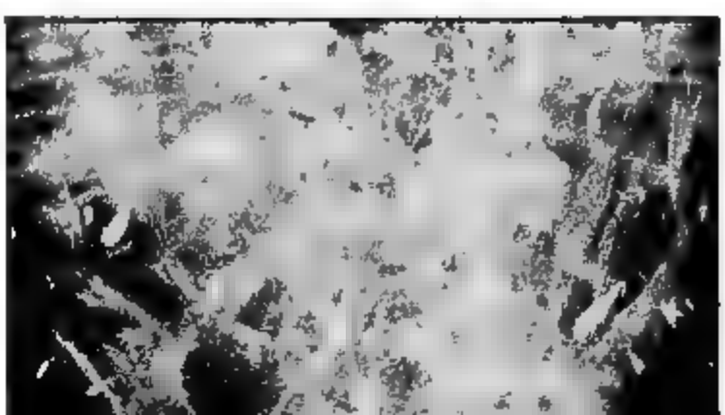
MORI-SAN, YOU'RE MY HERO.



I WANNA FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS, MORI-SAN!


I PROMISE I'LL NEVER LET THAT ROPE GO!!!
AND SHOULD YOU EVER TIE CLIMBING ROPES WITH ME...


GET REAL, TAKEMURA!
THE CLIMBING ROPE'S TIED TIGHTLY...!!!



COME BACK TO ME, TAKE-MURA!!!
I'M RIGHT HERE!!!

EH?

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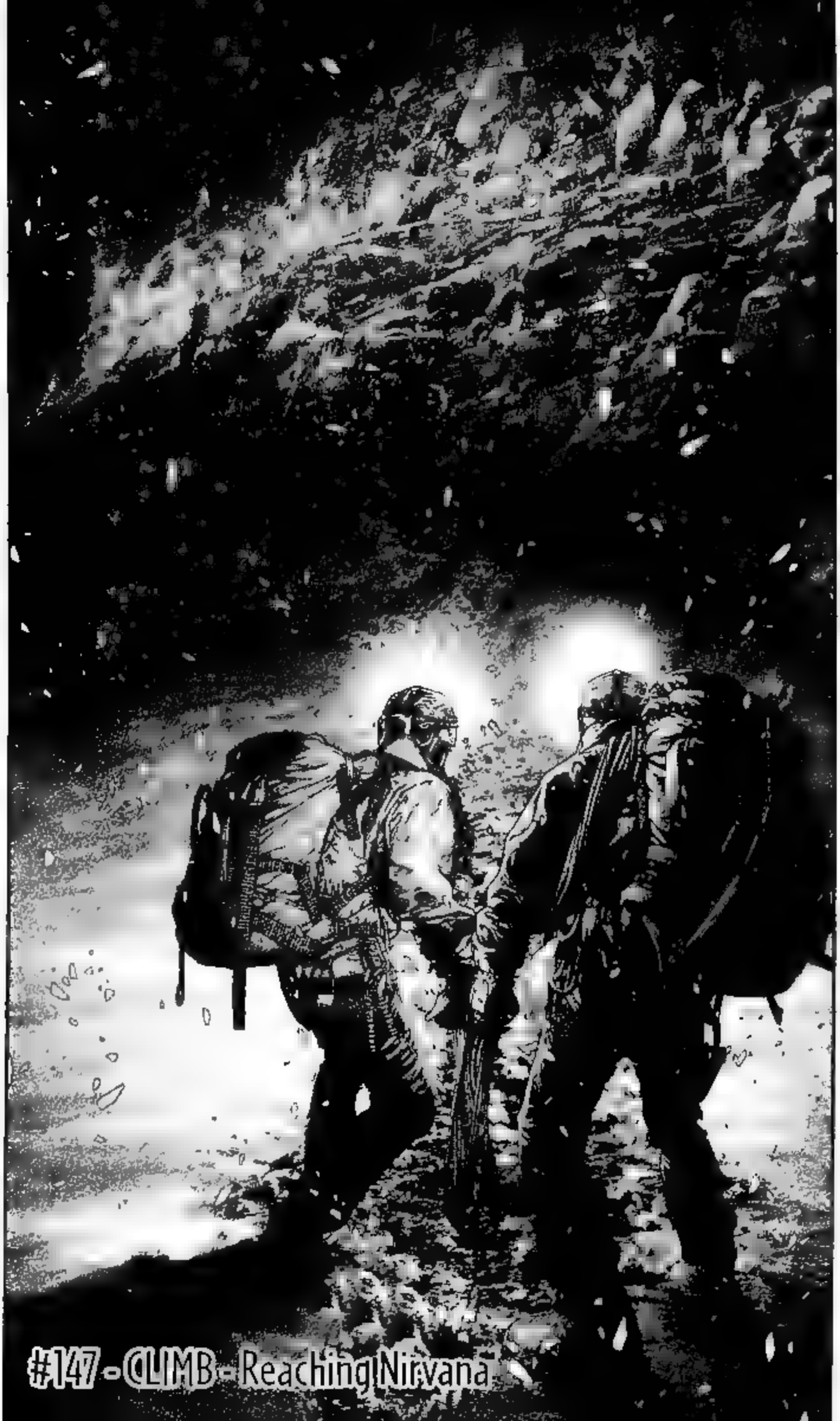
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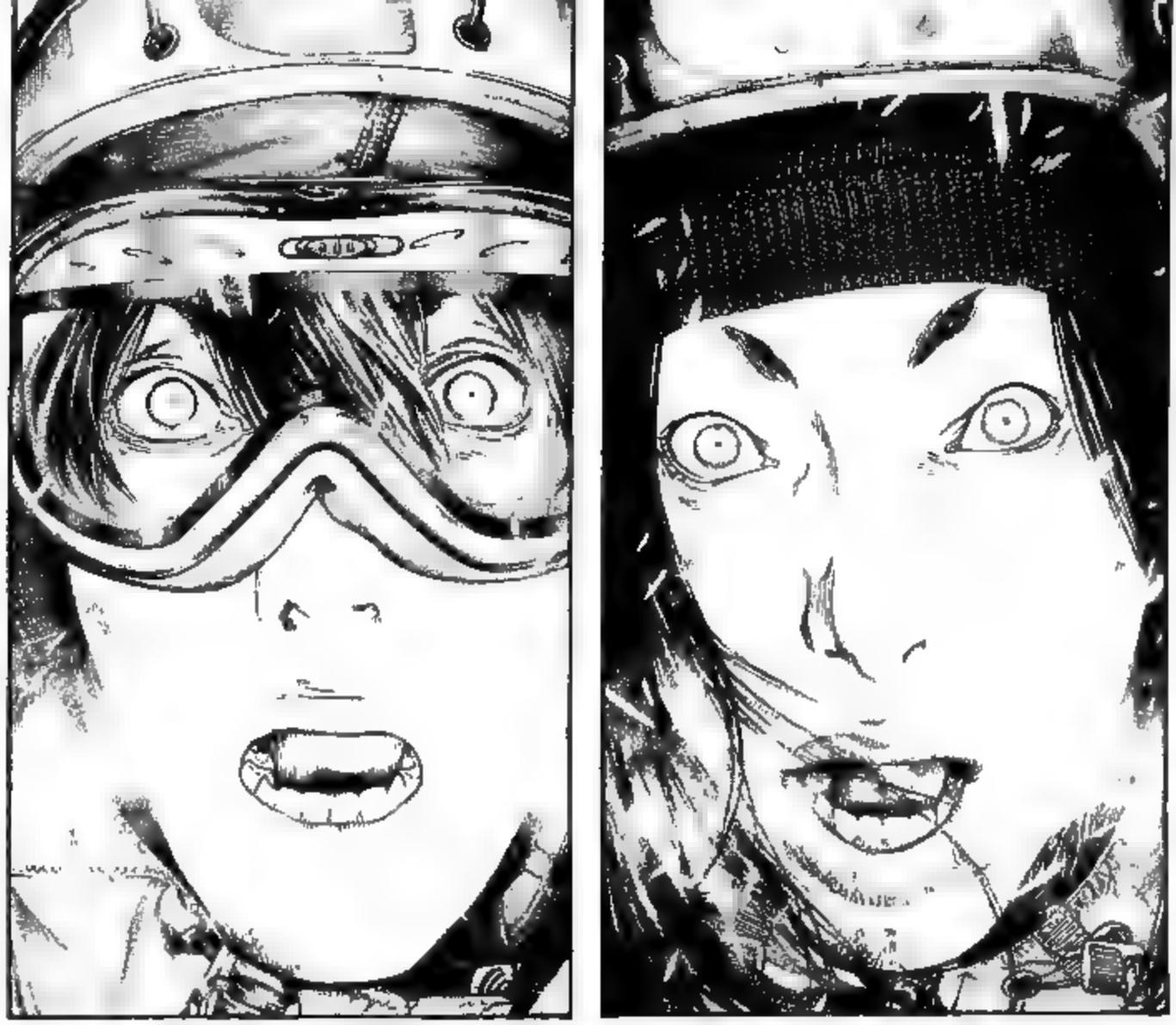
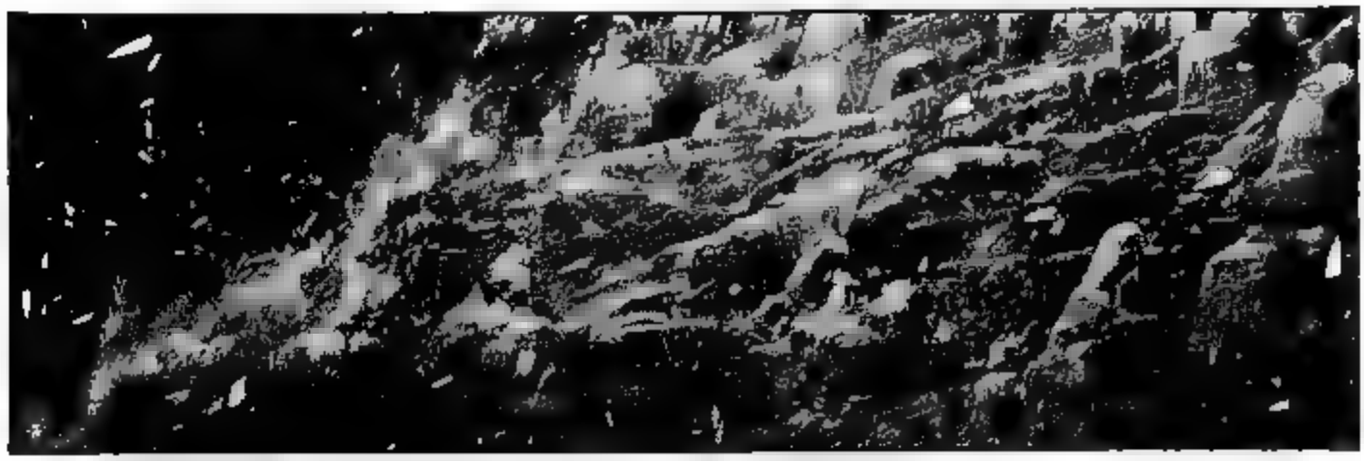
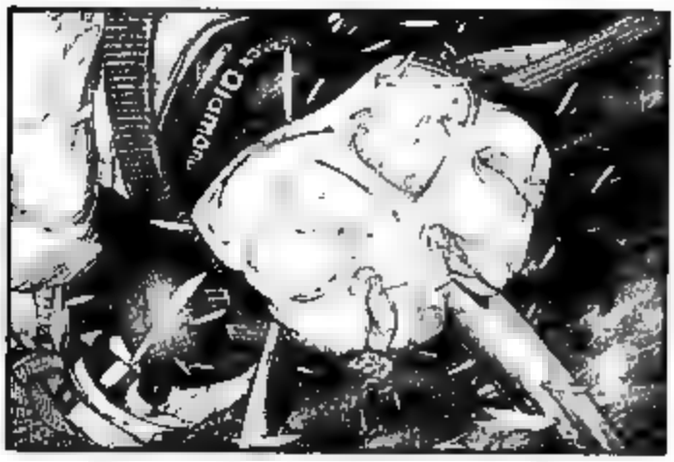
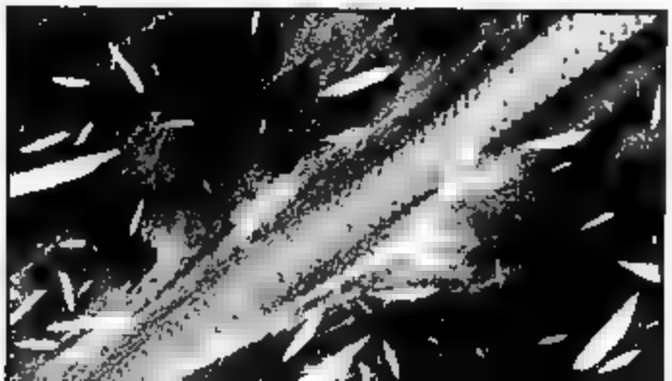


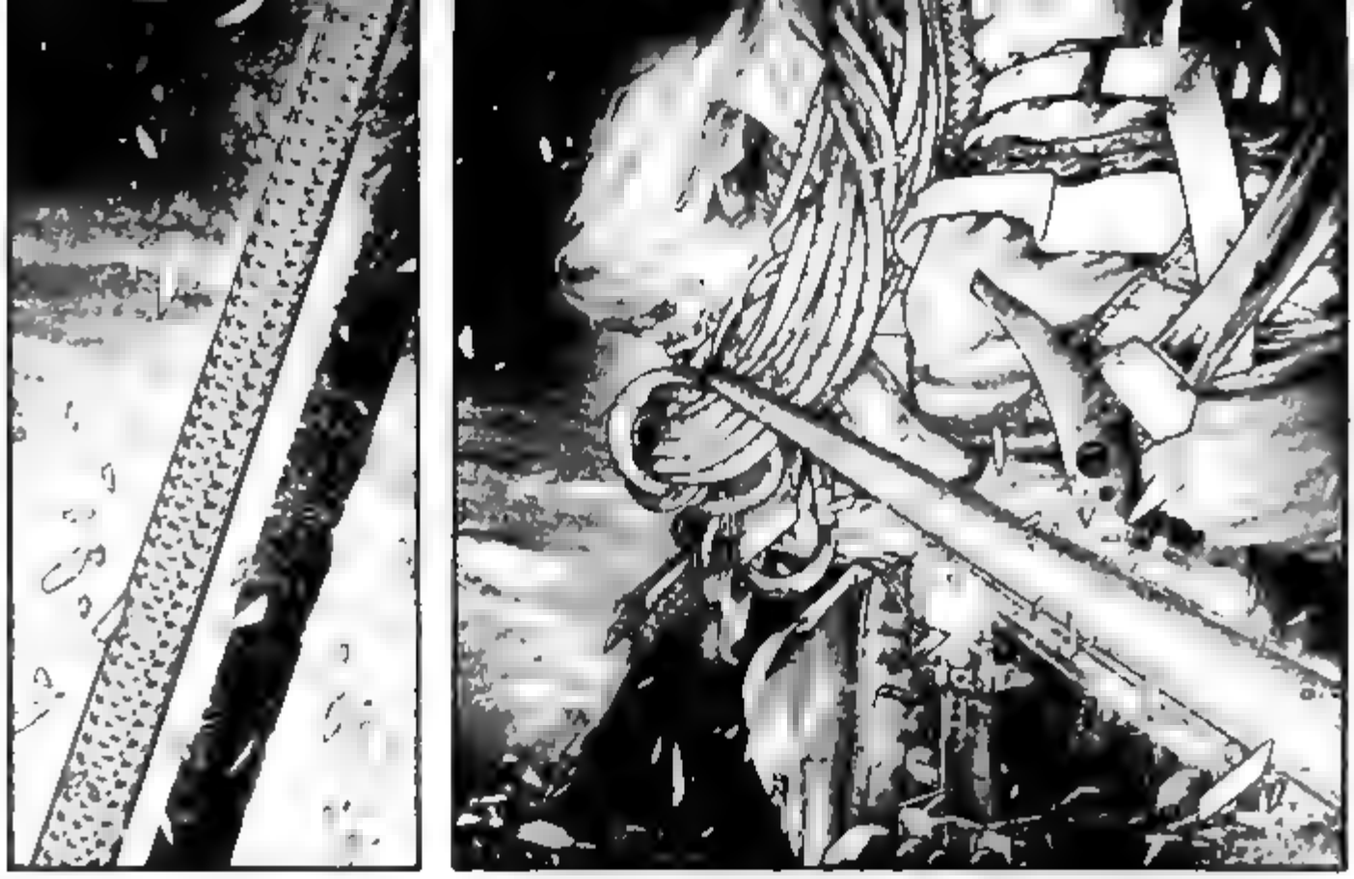


UH...
A...
AH.



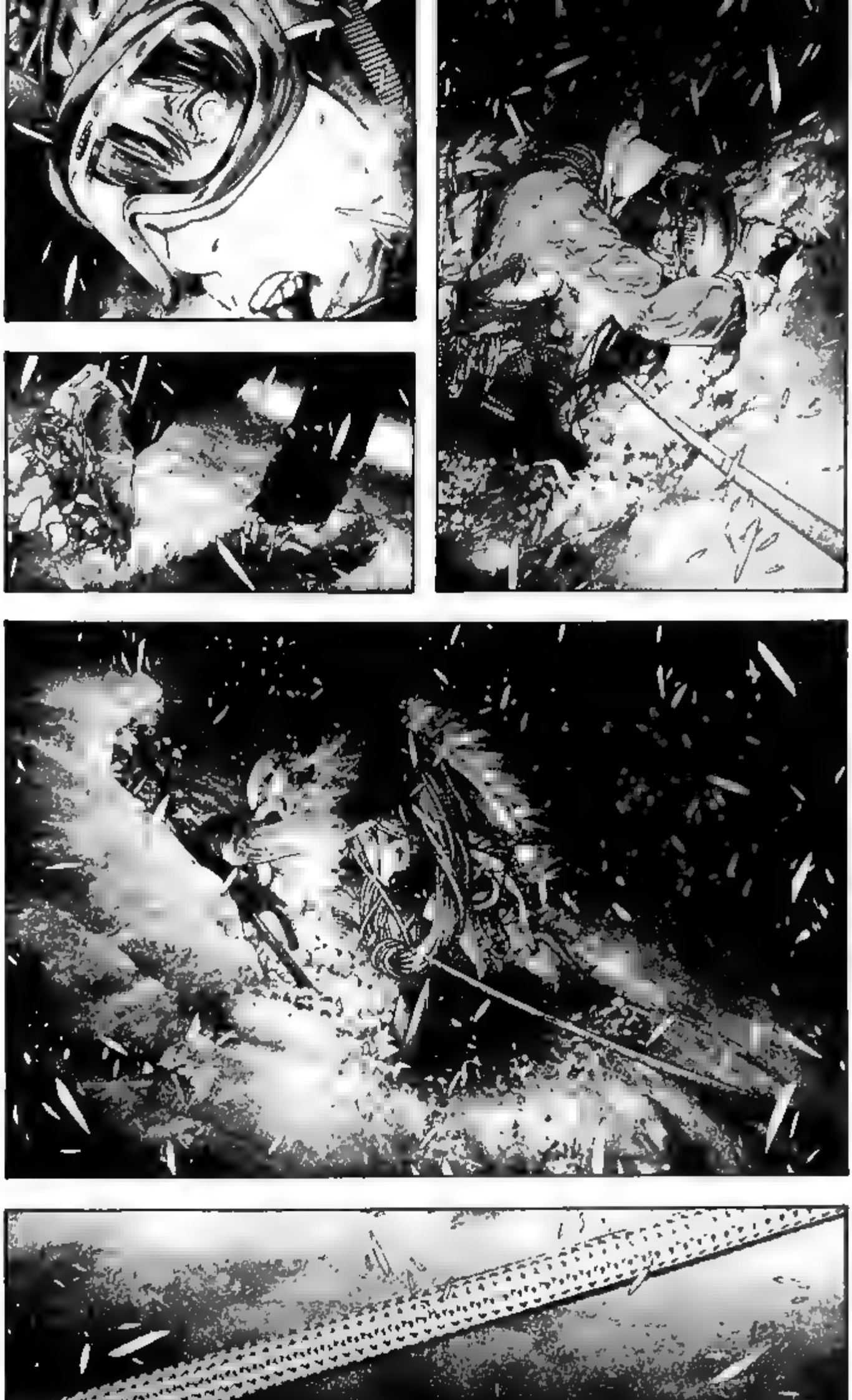


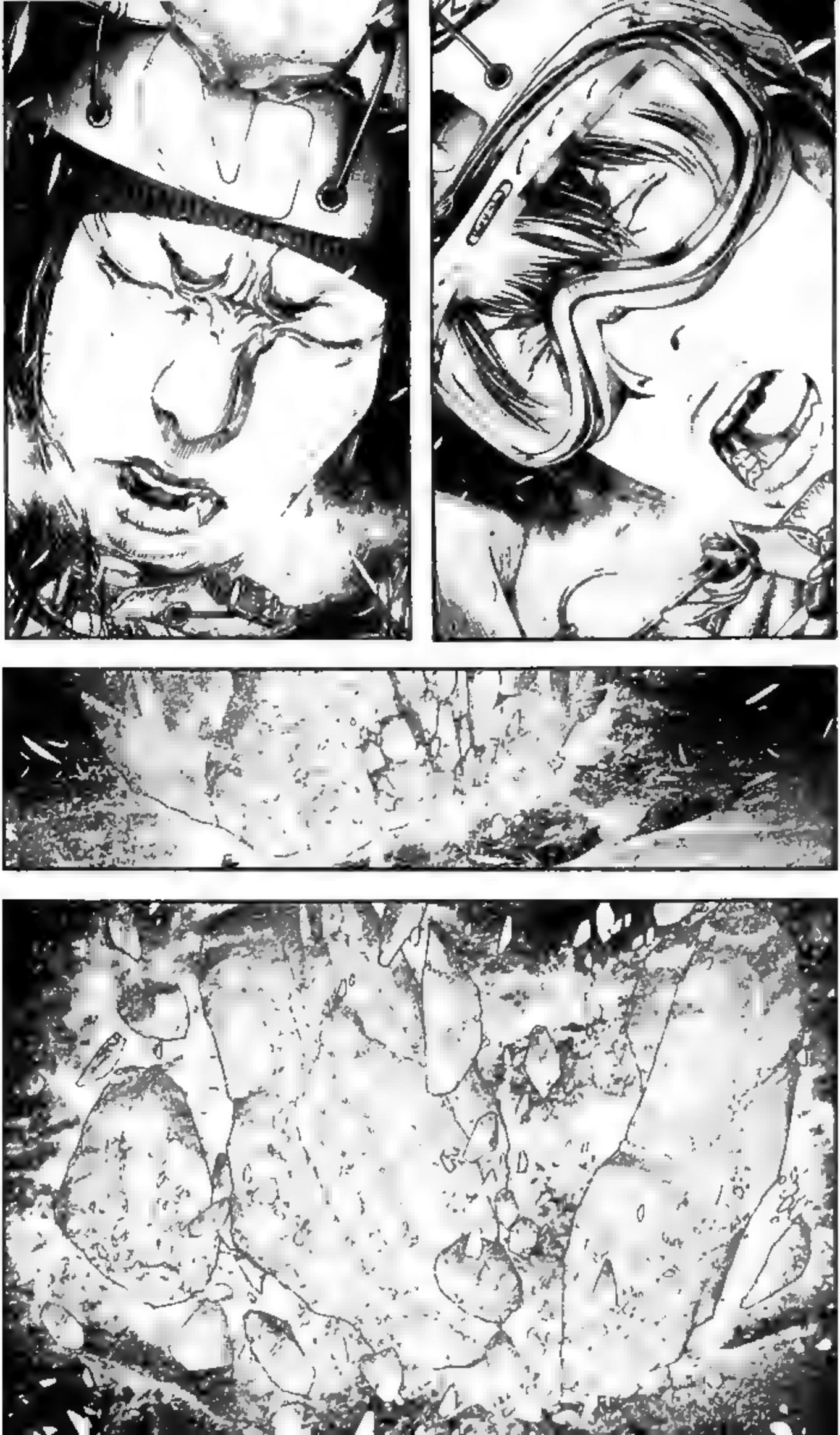
TAKE-
MURAA-
AAAA!

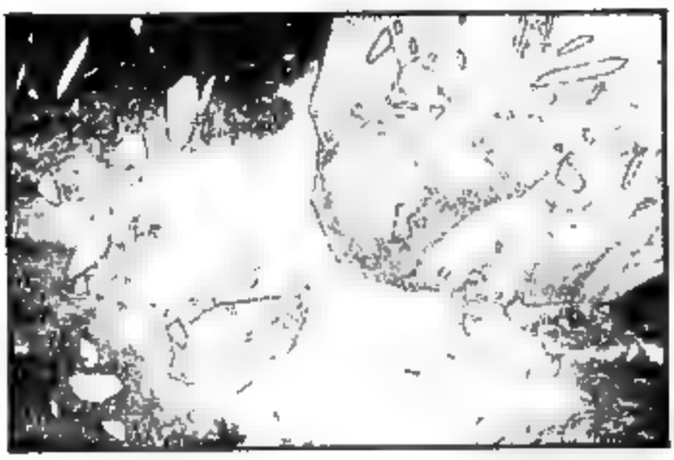


HURRY AND GET TO THE SIDE...
ARE... ARE YOU OKAY, TAKEMURA?!

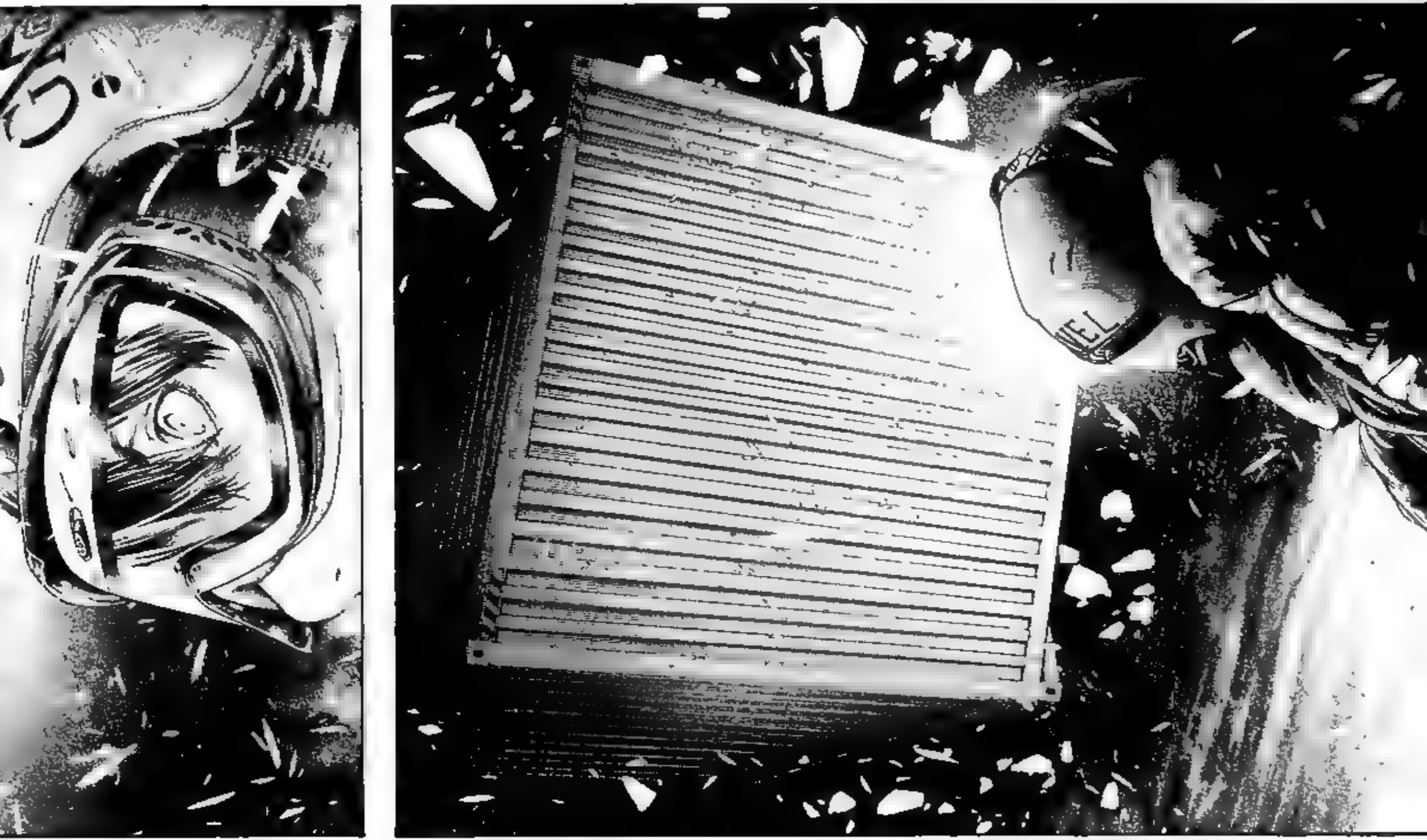
TAKE-
MURA,
HURRY!!!
IT DOESN'T
MATTER
WHERE,
JUST TAKE
COVER!!!







The movement of that serac that collapsed from the upper section is irregular.
I can't read the trajectory of where it's going to tumble down to at all...!!!
Which?!
Which way is it going?!



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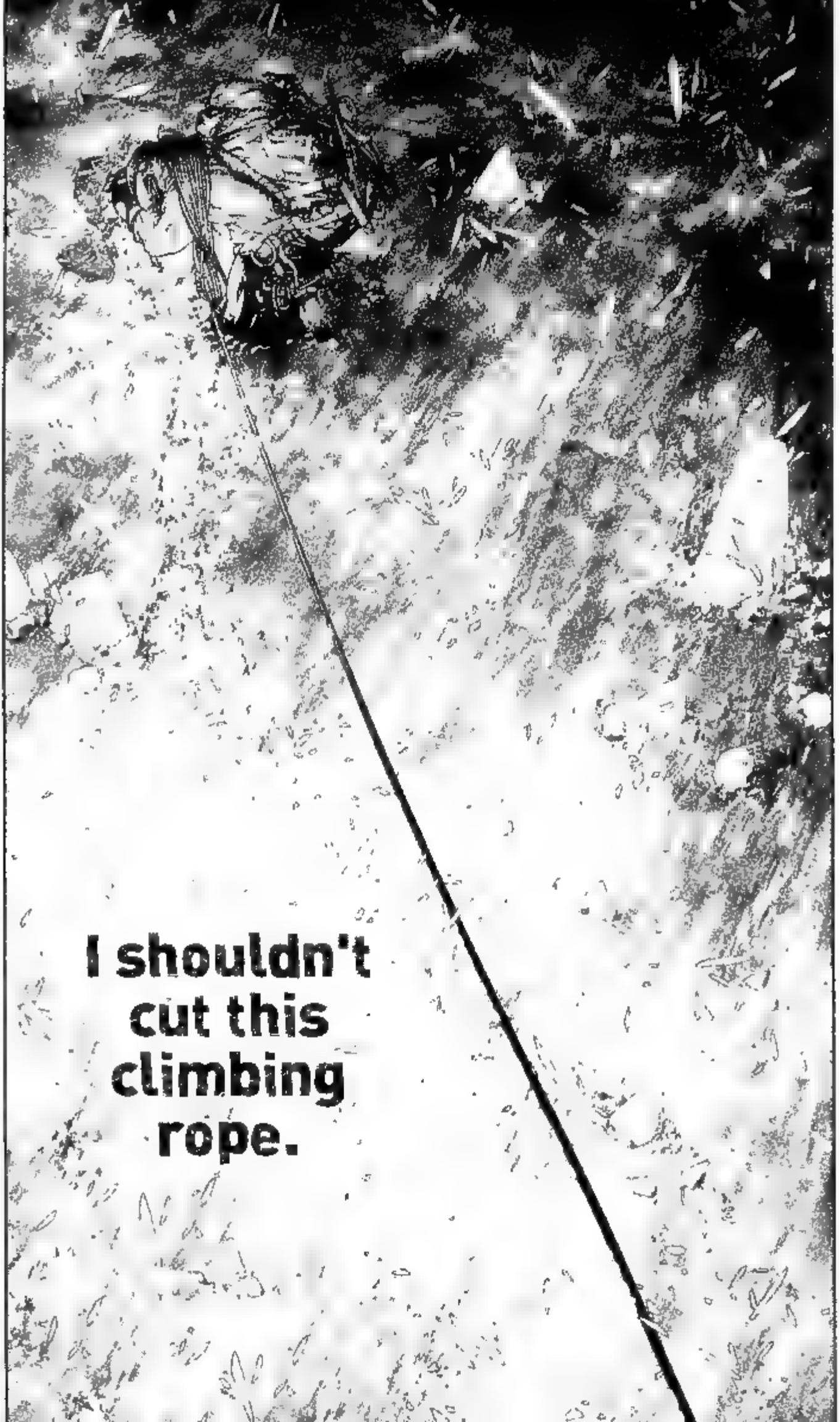
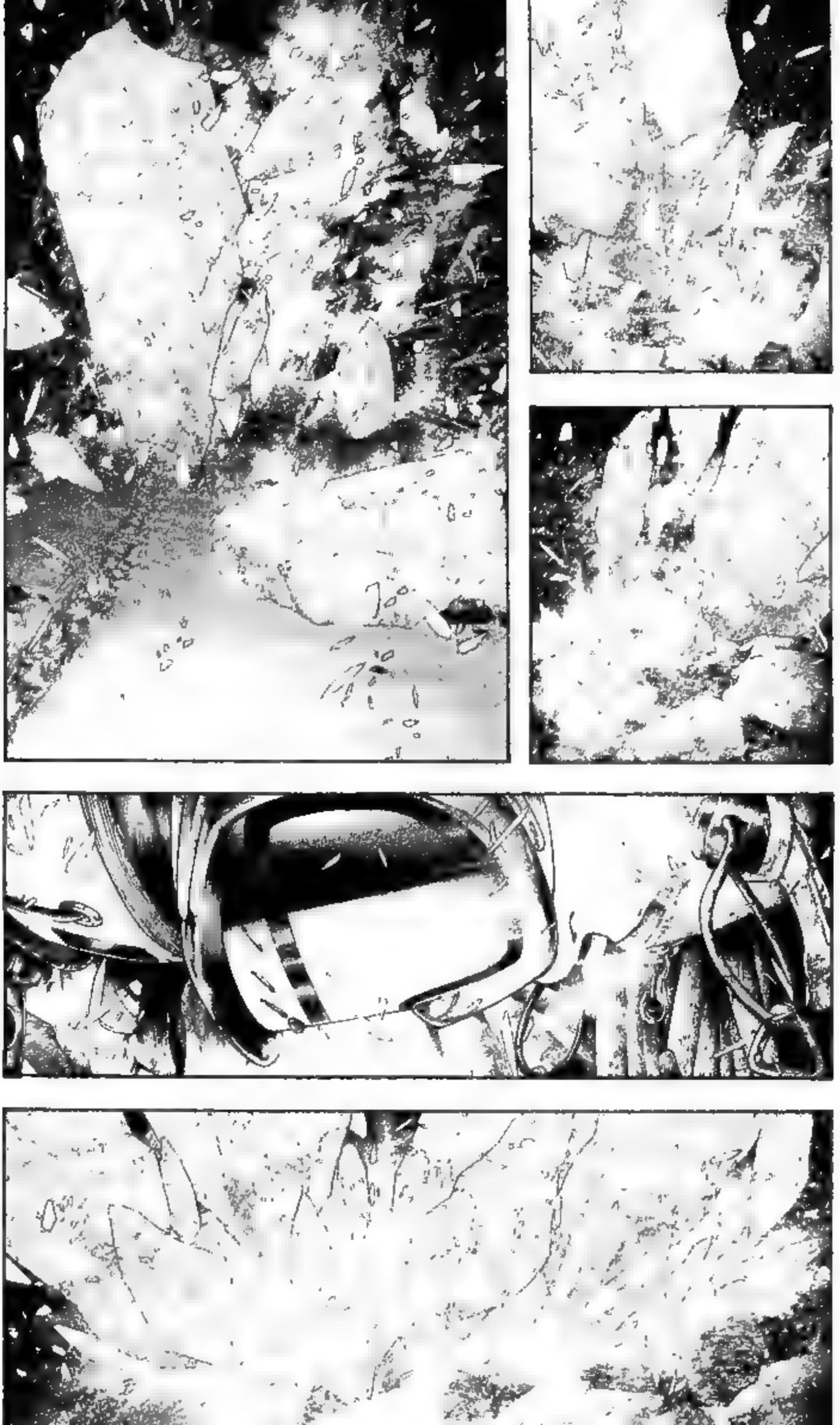
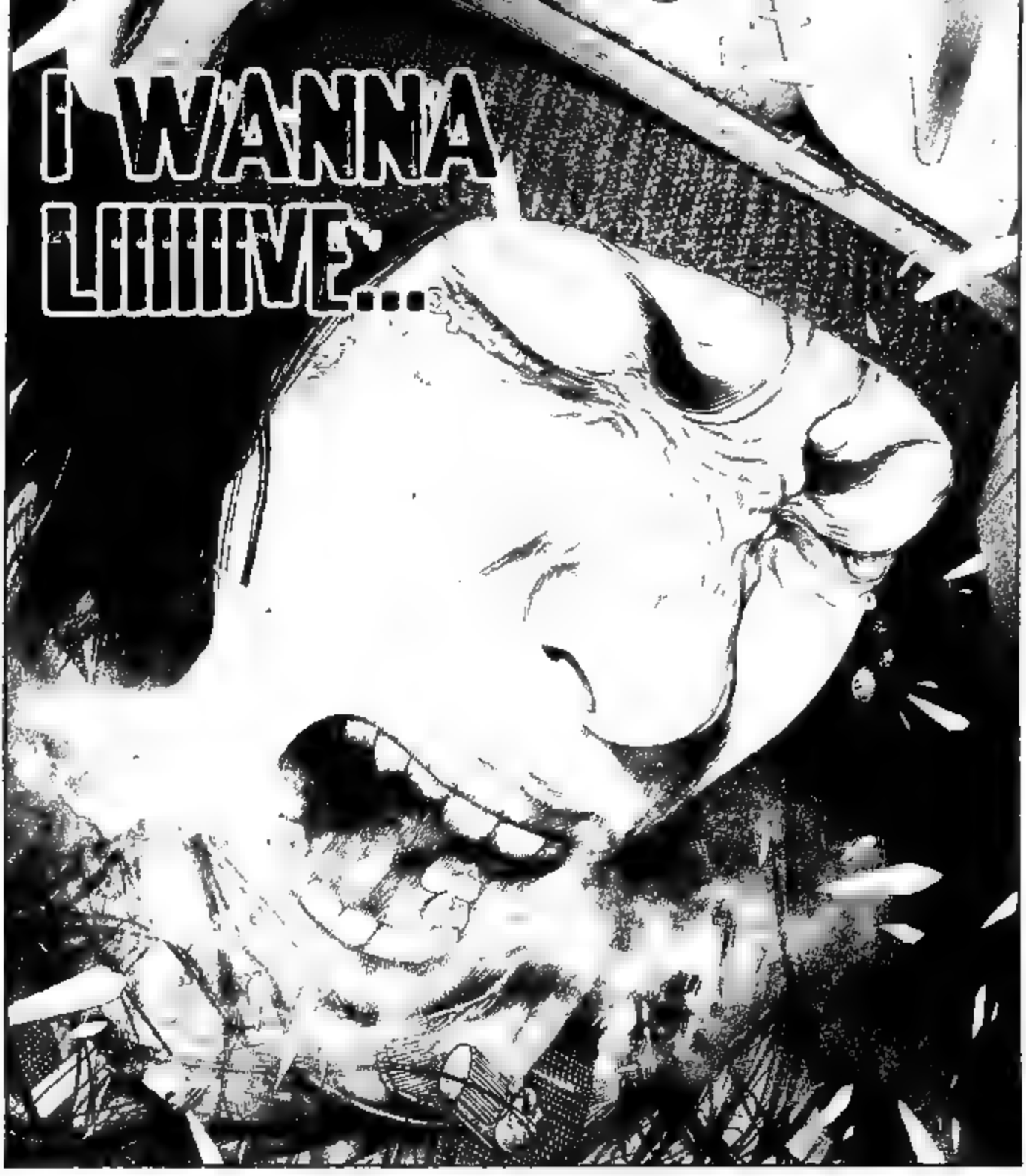
Or not?
Should I cut it?

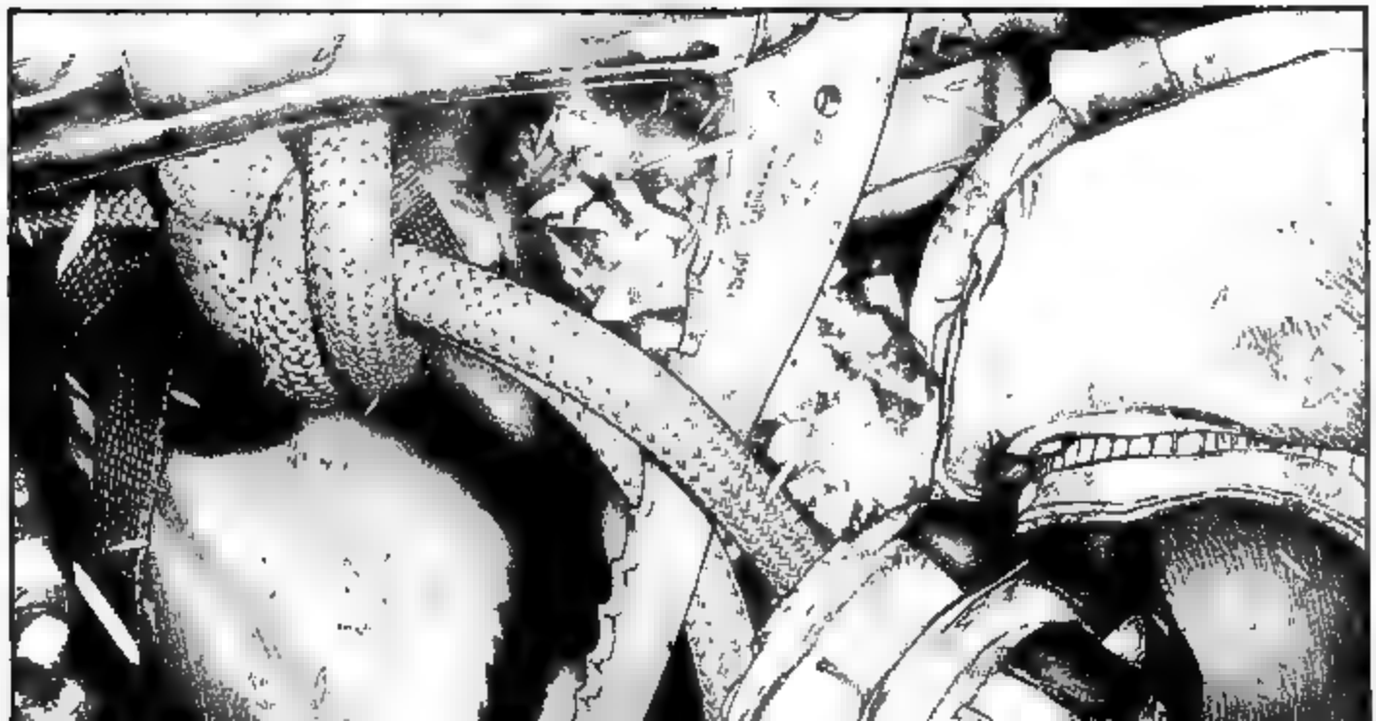
there's a high possibility we'll get caught in that block of ice and be dragged down
If Takemura and I are connected with a climbing rope

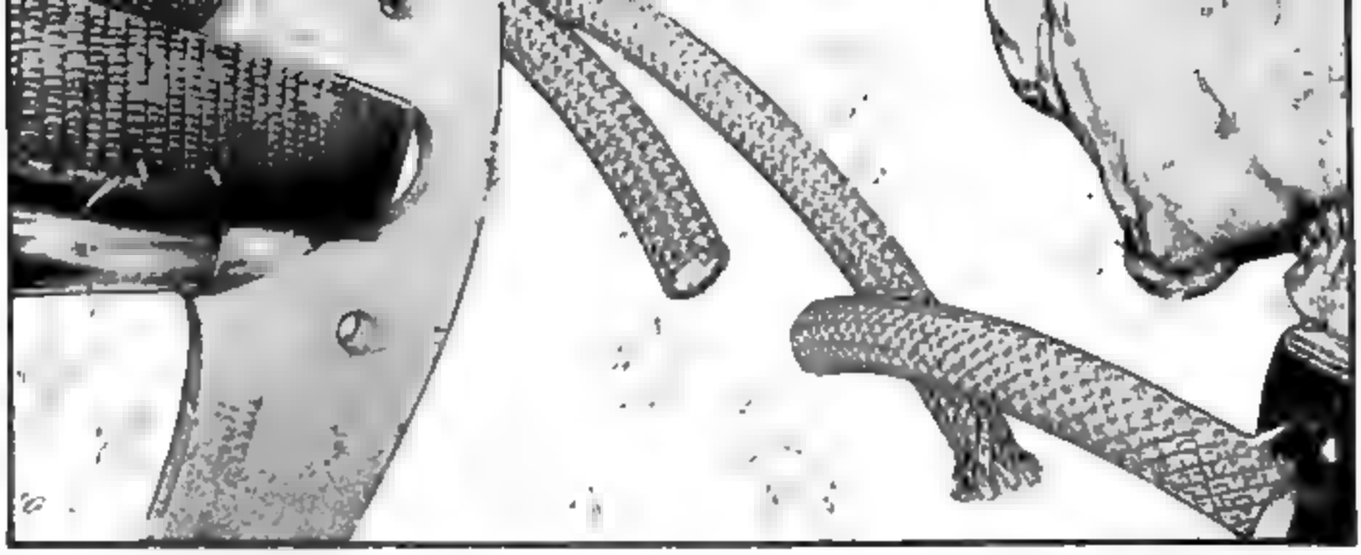
But then what will happen if Takemura is hit by the ice block?
If it ends less-than-fatal injuries, if I support him, we will have the possibility of both of us being saved.
But if I do cut the rope
and I'm hit by an ice block...
with Takemura having a brain enema as he does,
the possibility that he can descend the mountain on his own is zero
If I can increase the possibility of both of us surviving even a little, then—...

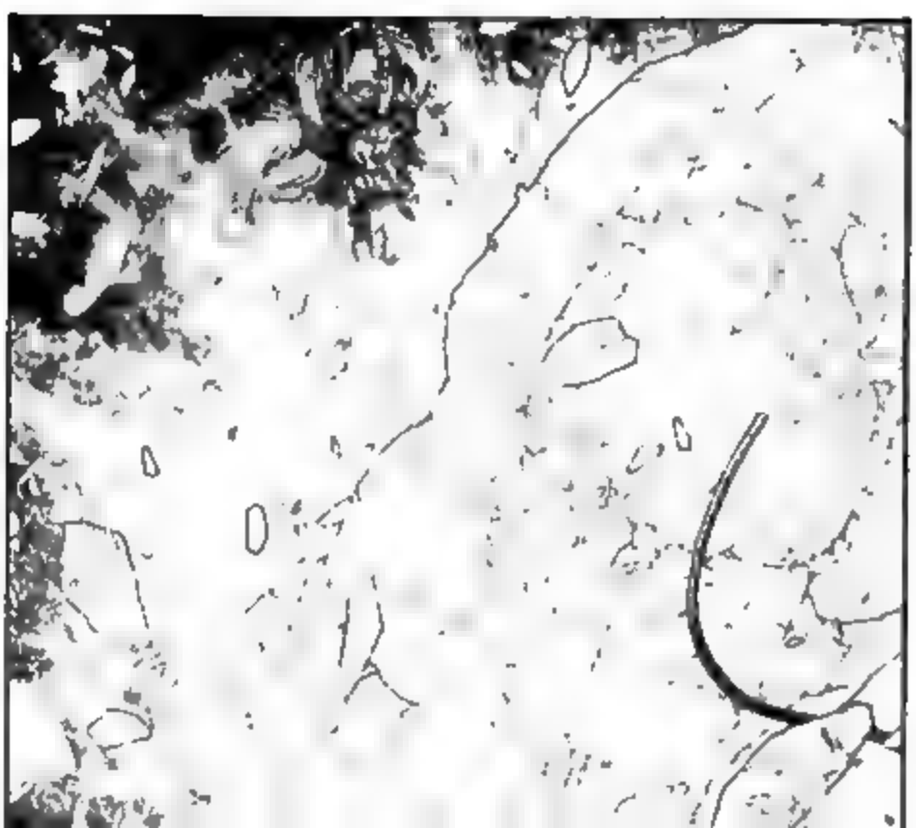

I shouldn't cut this climbing rope.



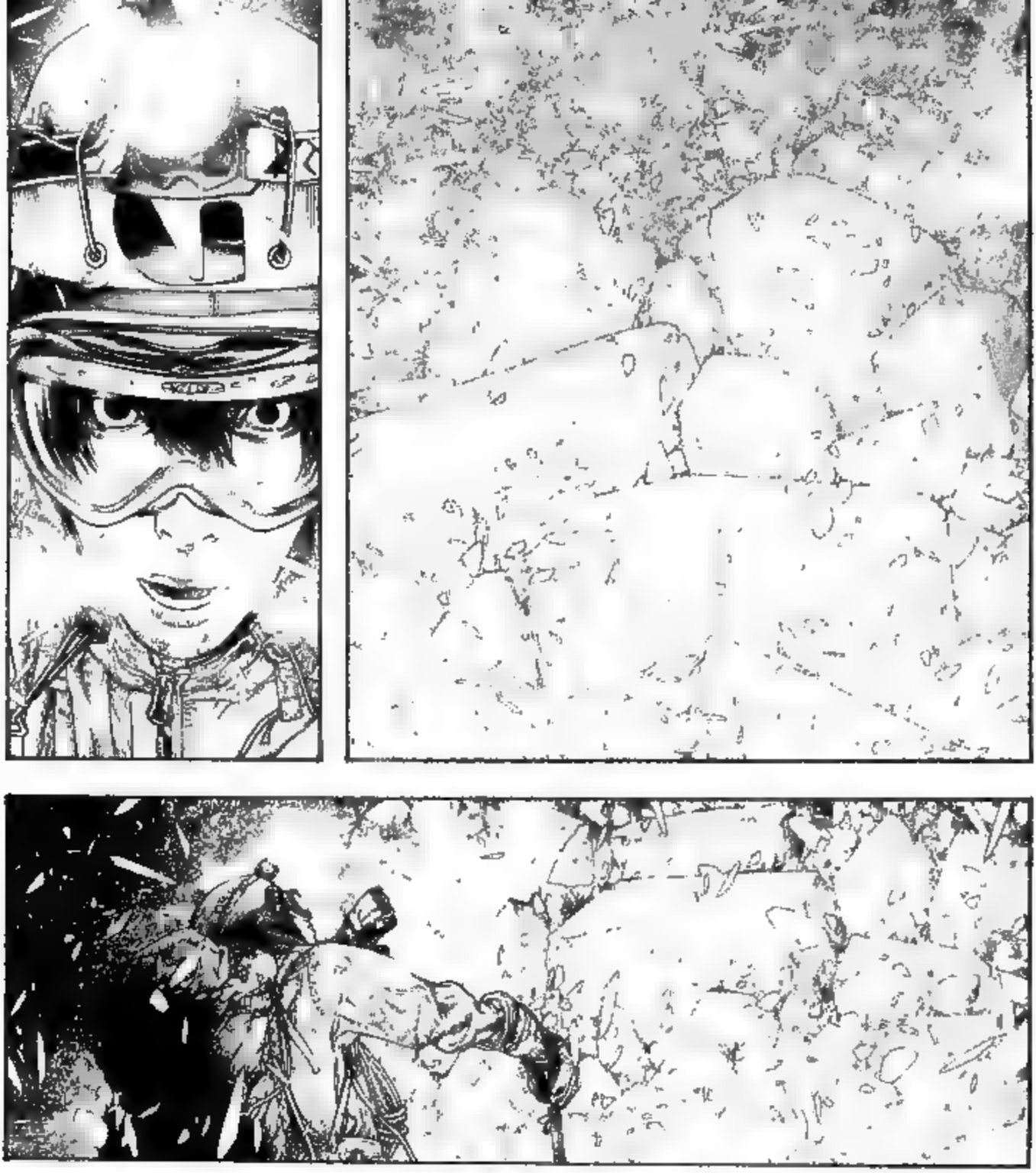

I WANNA
LIIIIIVE...

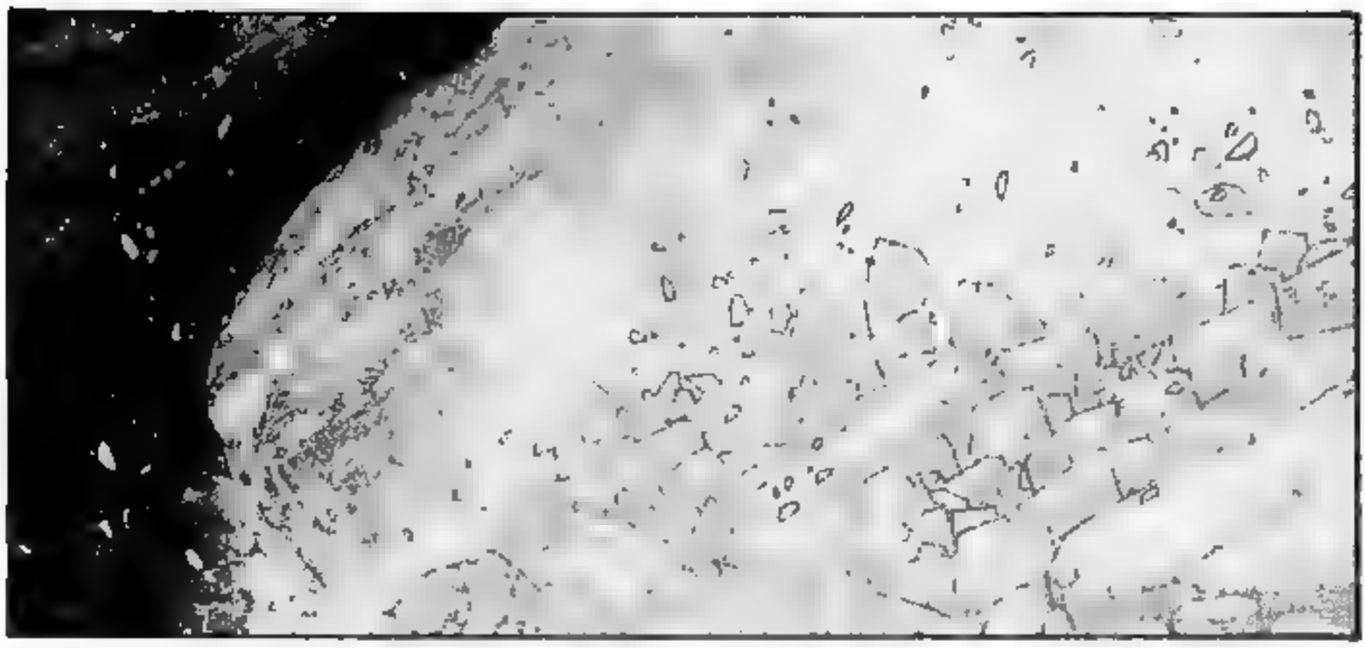


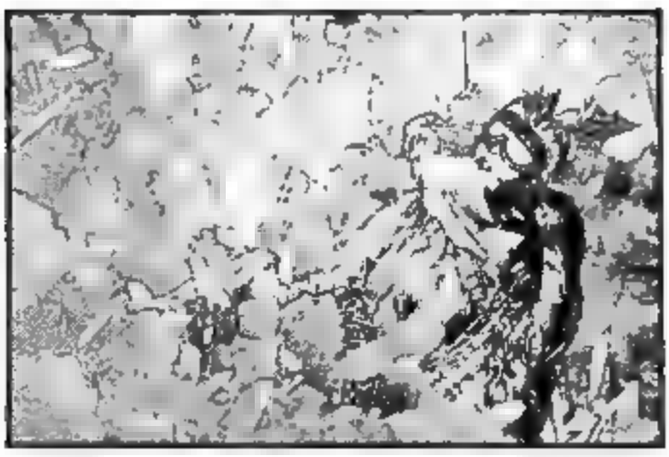




Senpai, I'm sorry...







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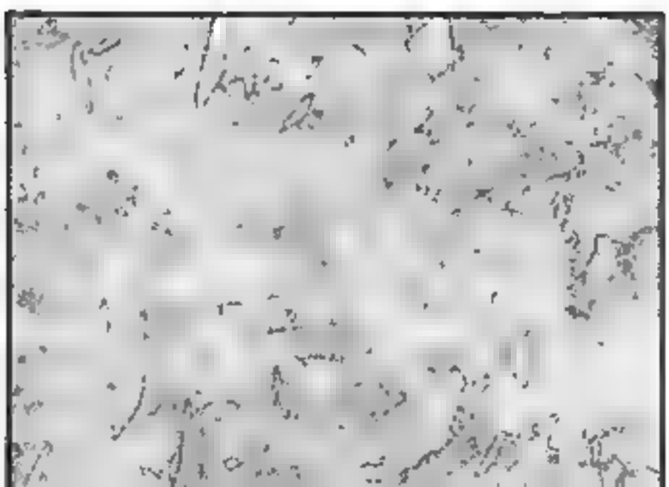

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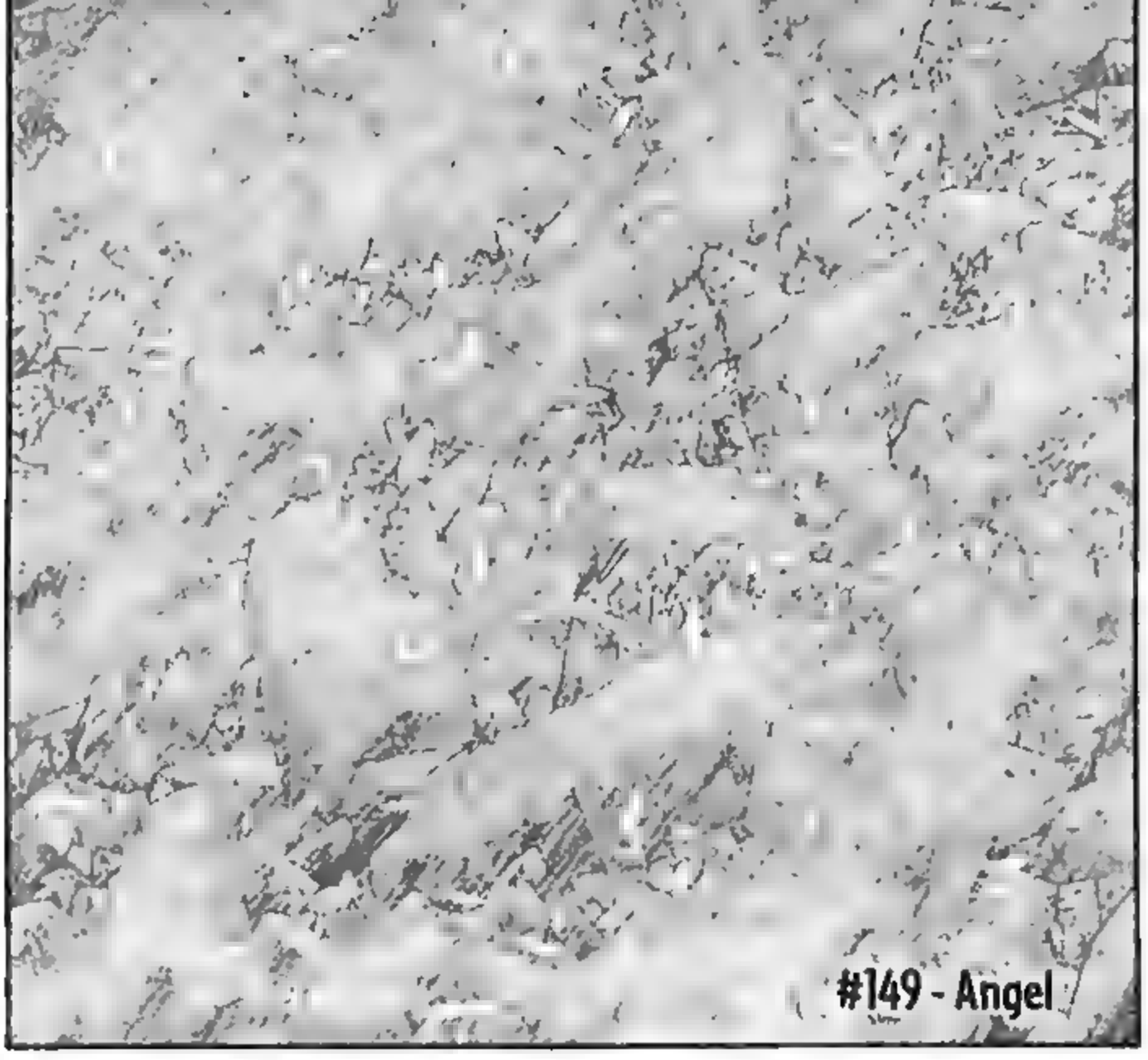
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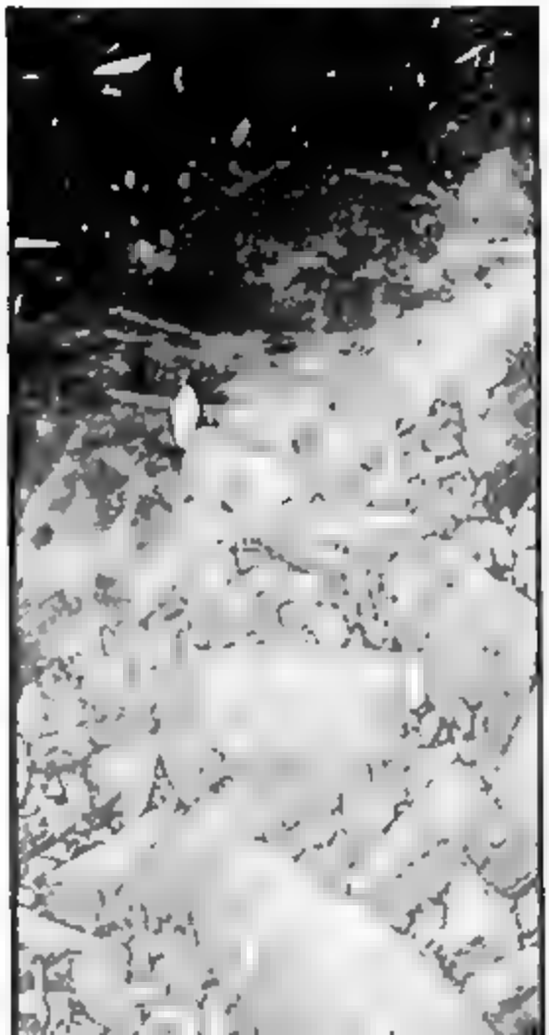

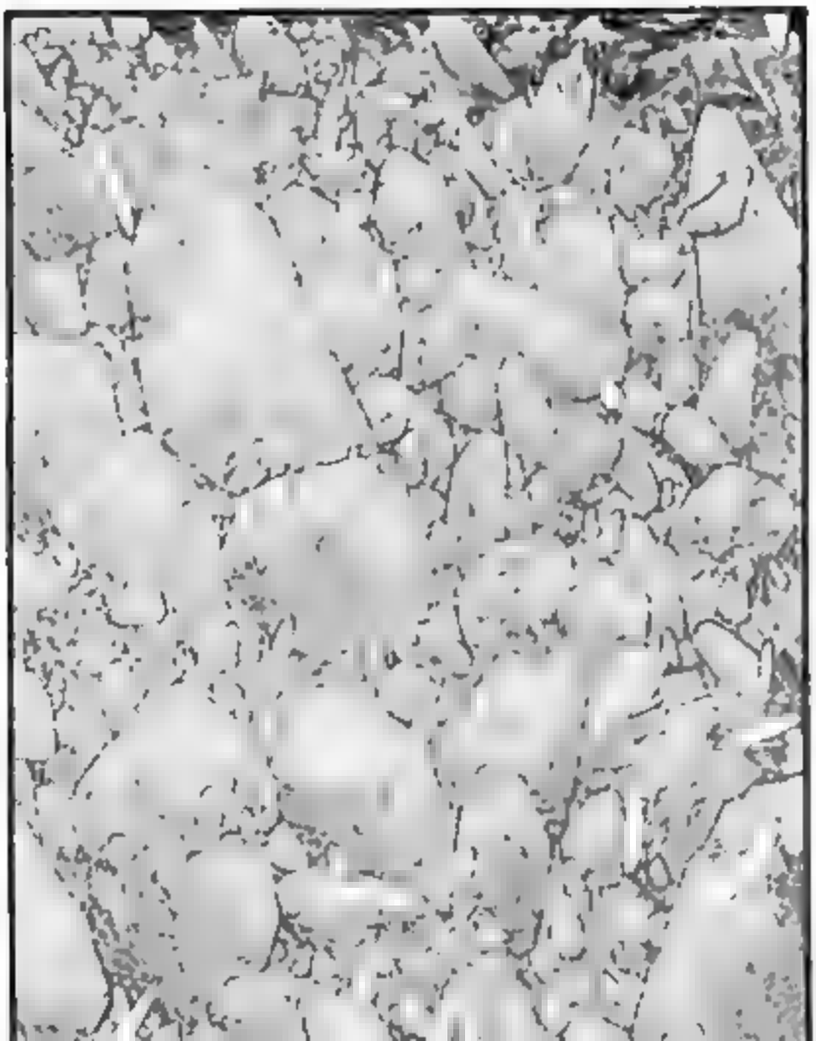

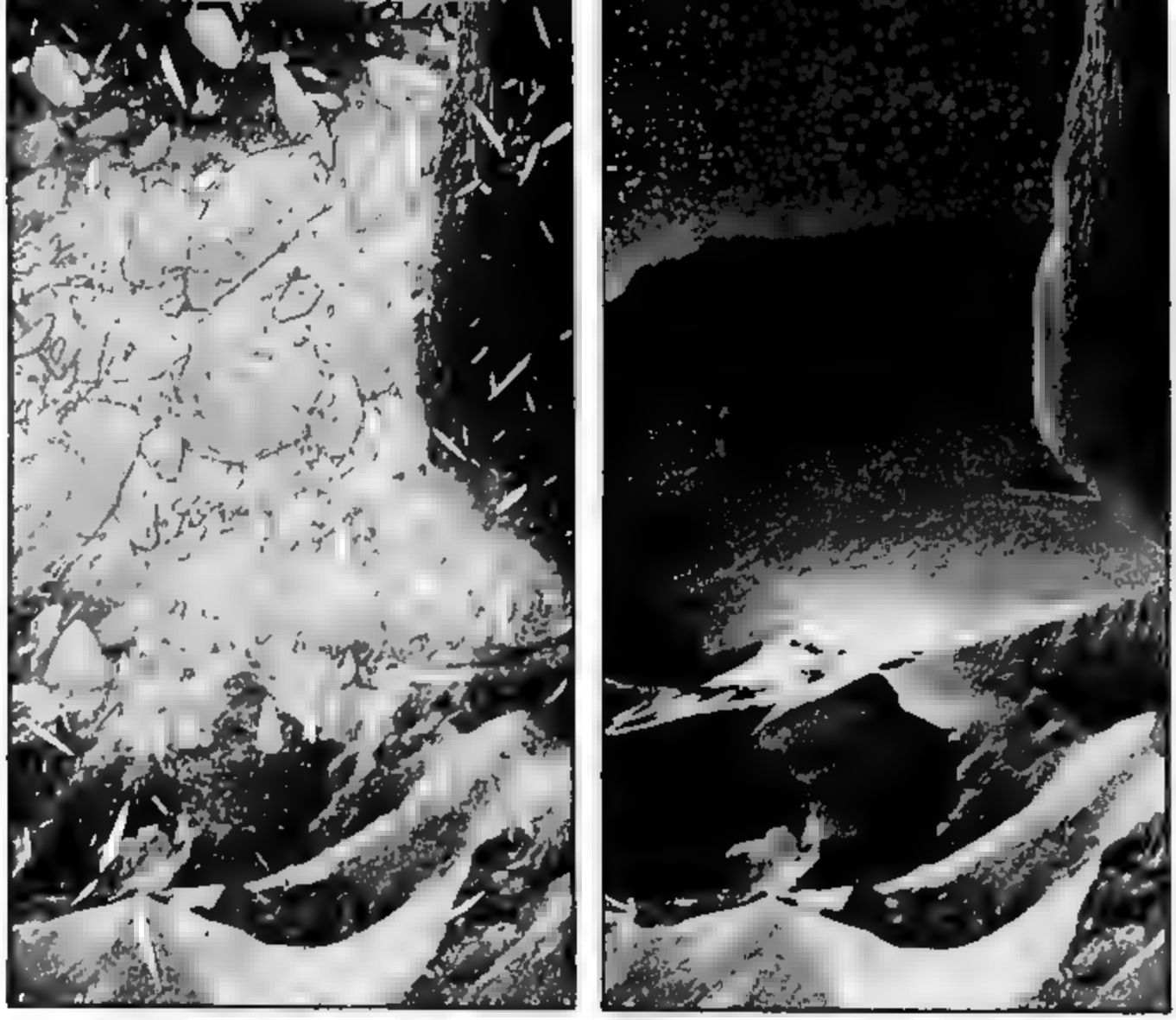

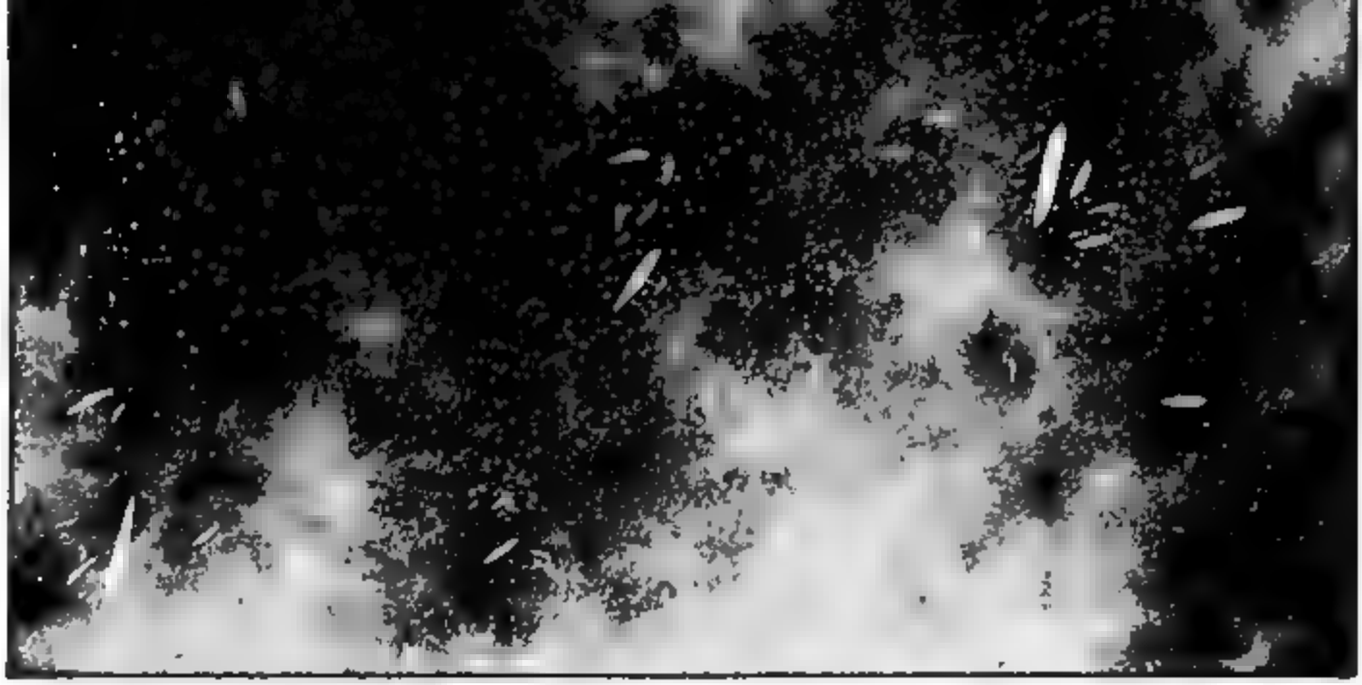

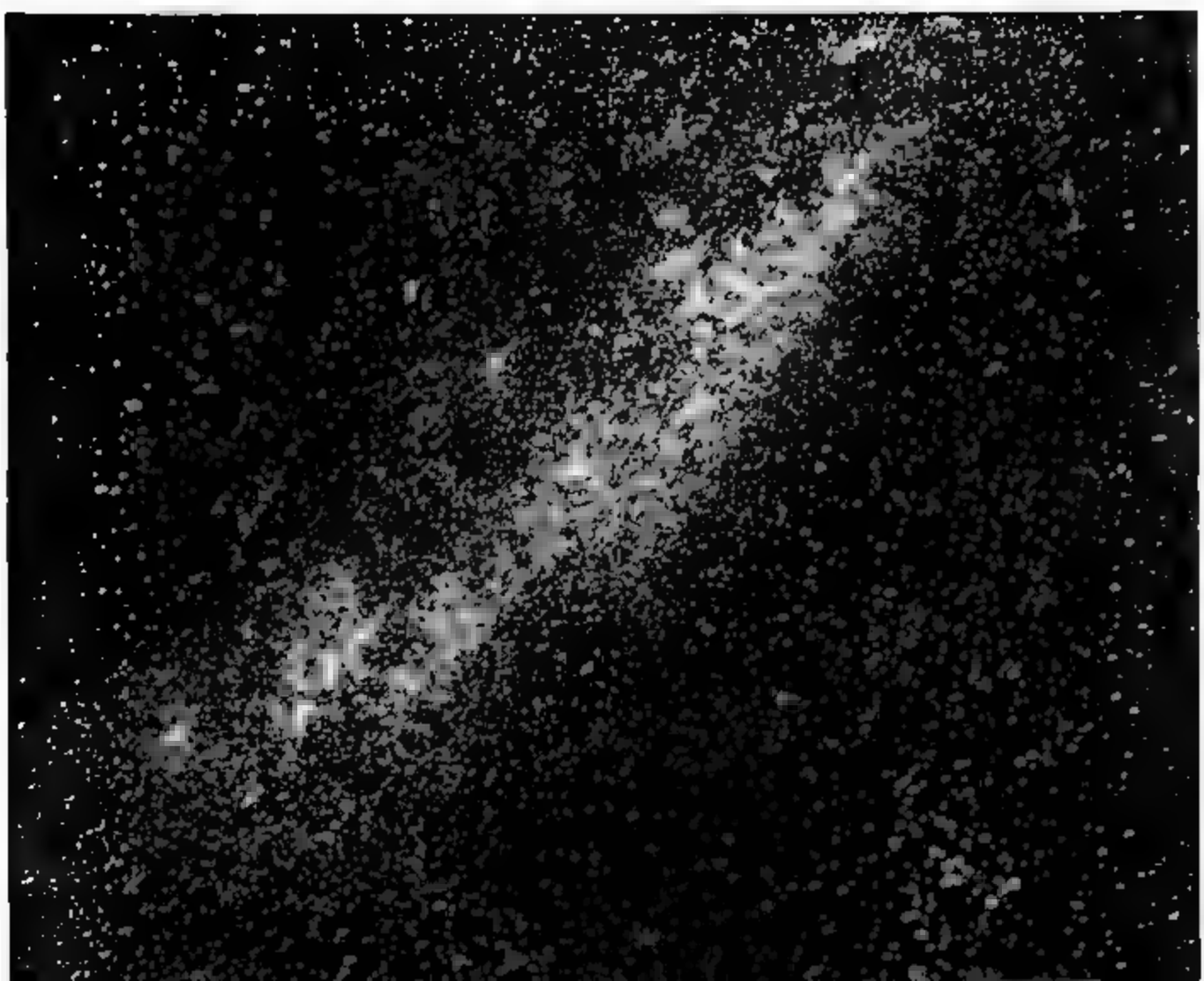

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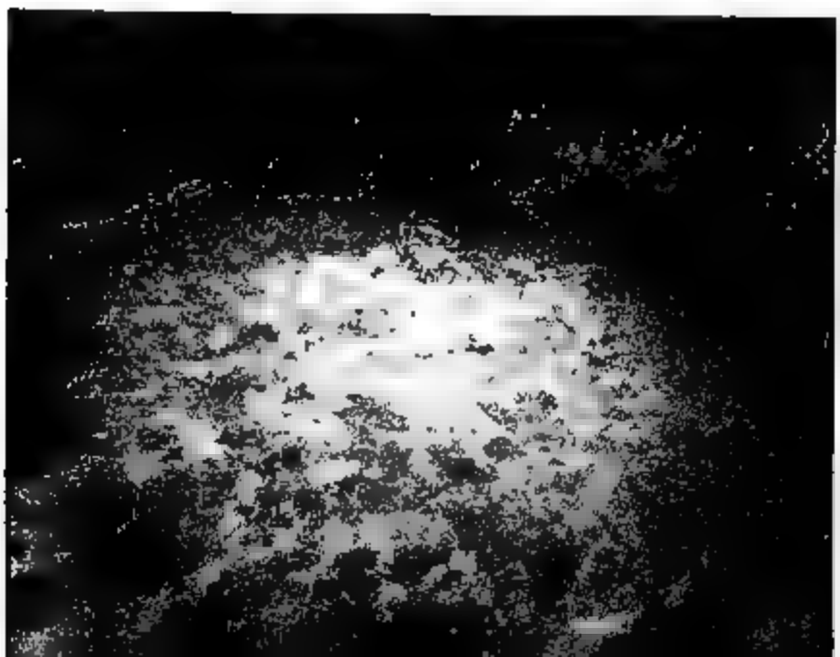

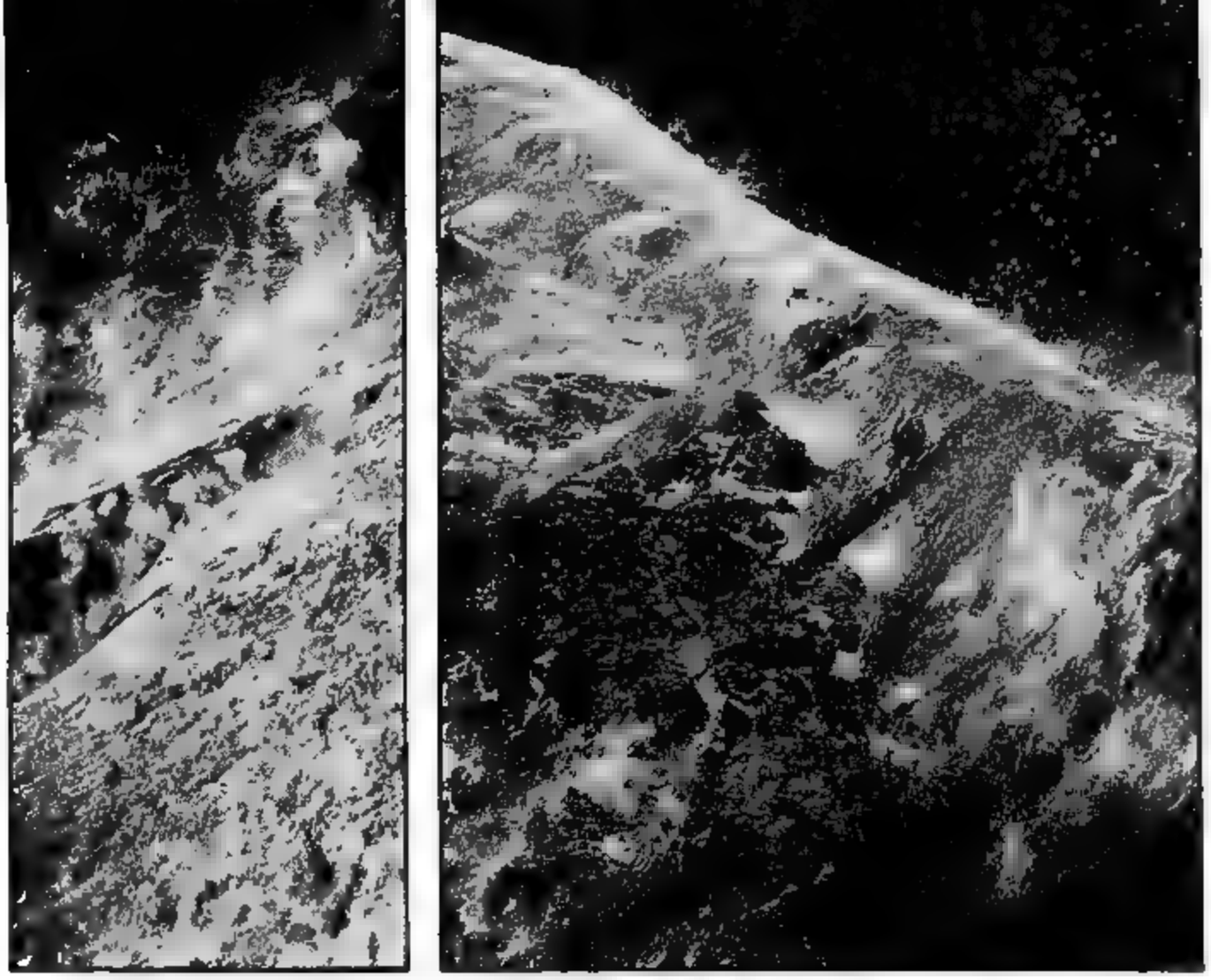

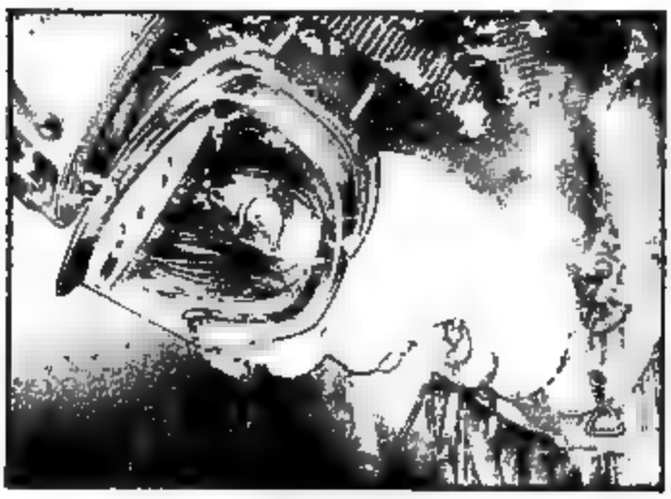

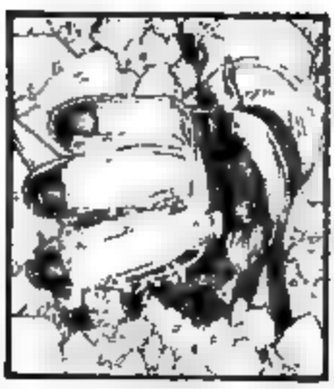

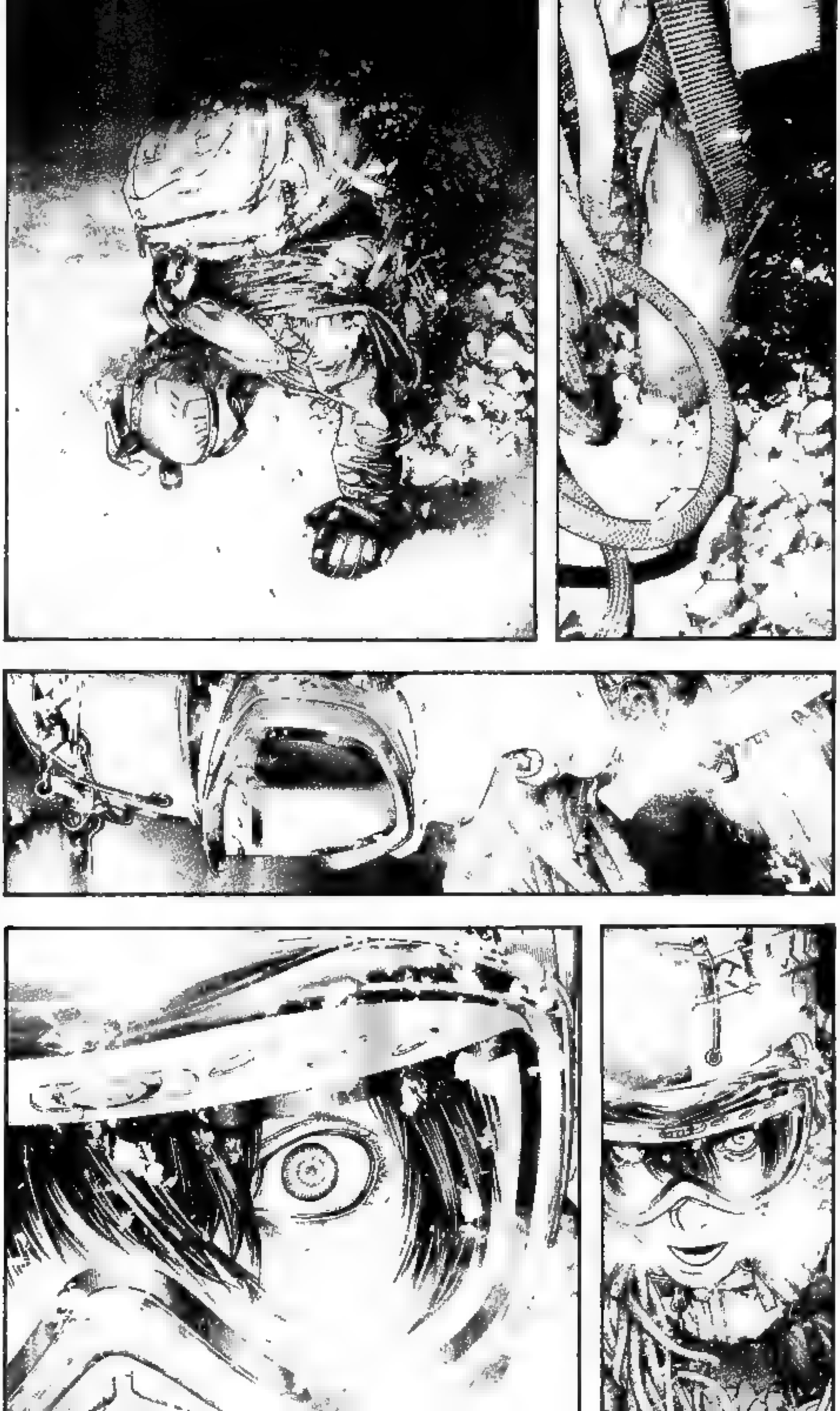

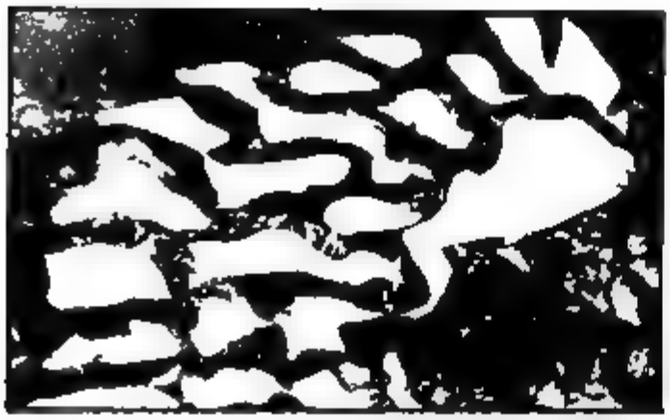

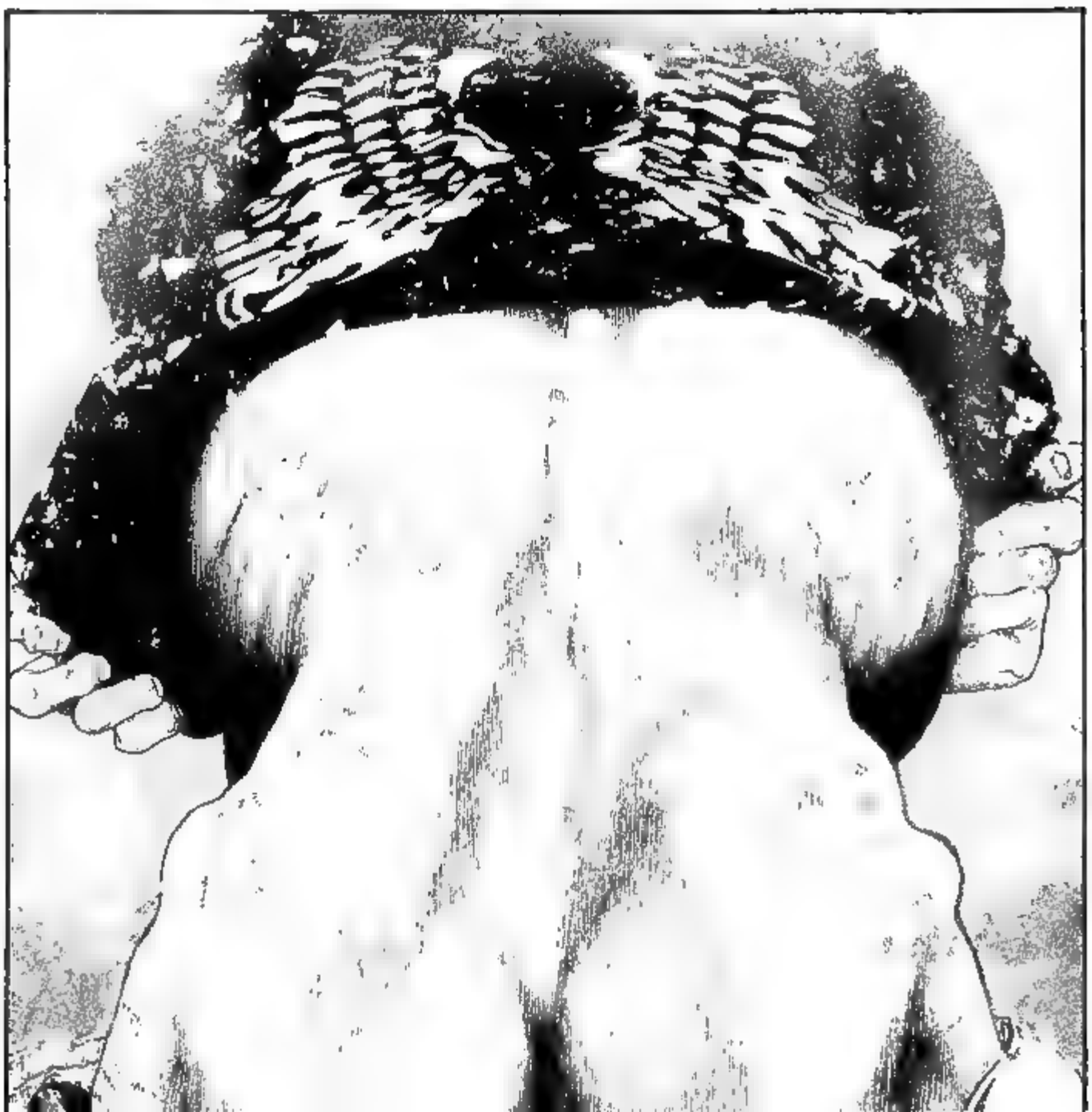

...SO YOU CAME ALONE, HUH...?

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE MEETING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...

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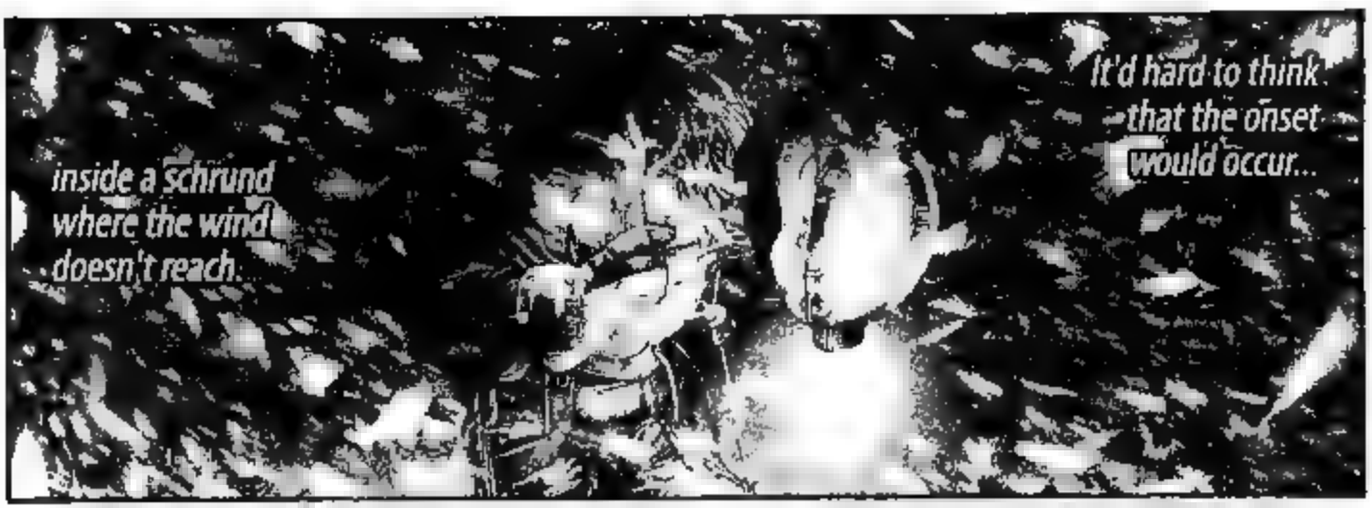


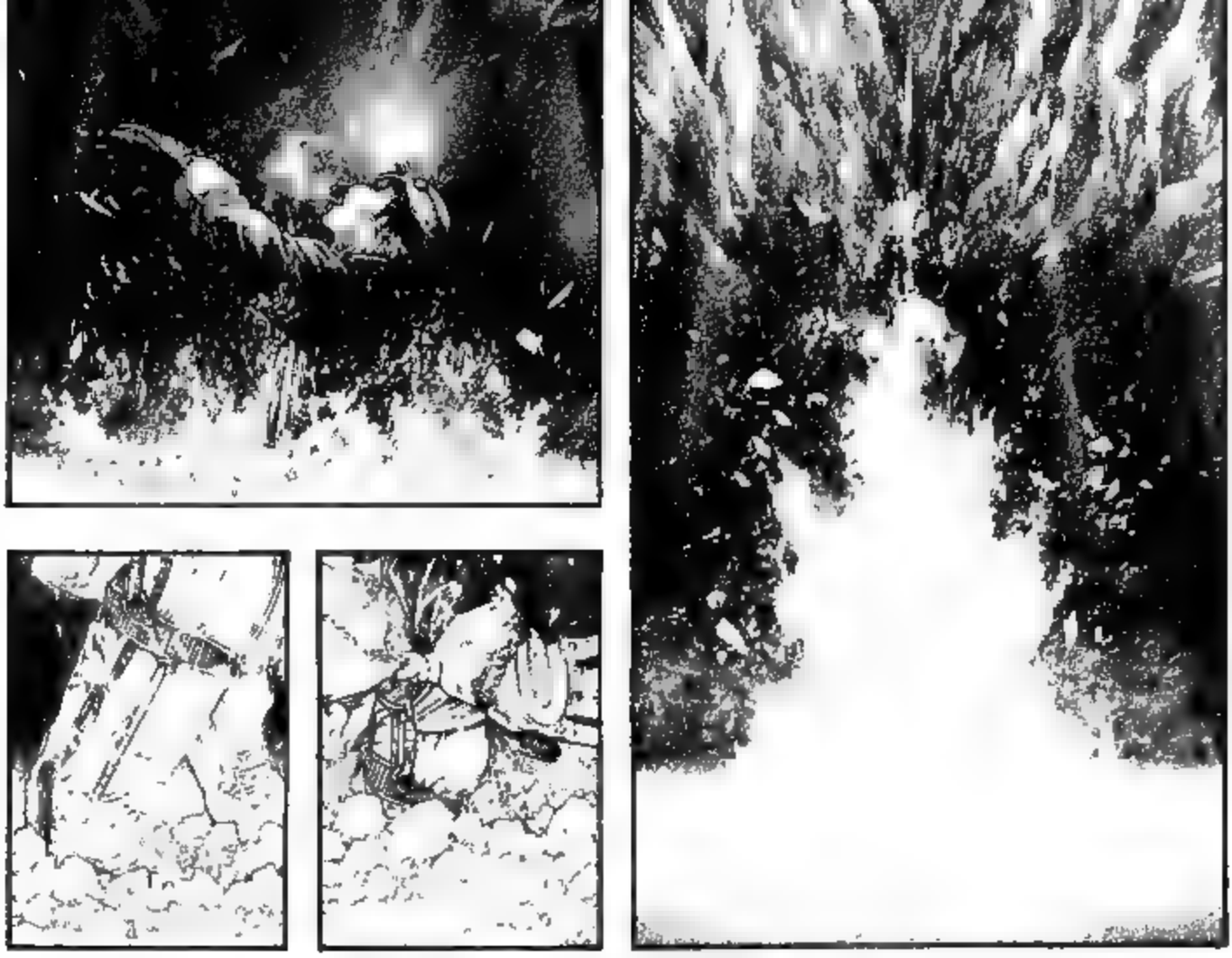
*SCHRUND ... A CREVICE IN A GLACIER.

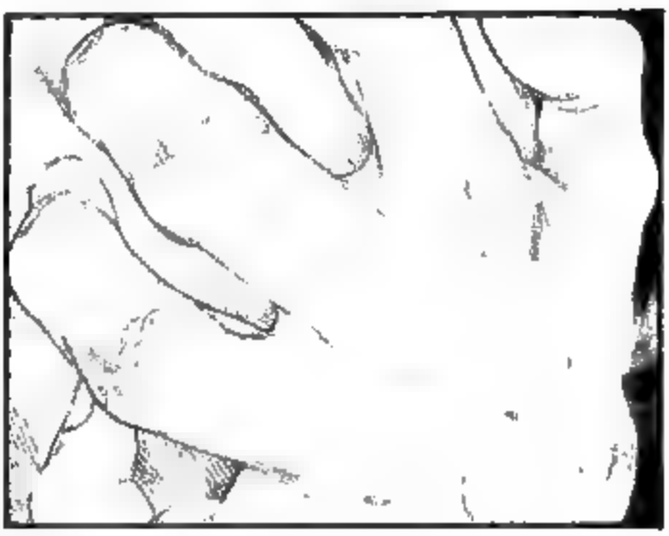
It's likely that the wind was particularly violent at that time on the K2 East-Face...
It's said that for every meter per second high the wind speed is, the body temperature drops another degree Celsius...

He'd lost his calm and didn't notice the schrund below his feet,
and fell in that state of confusion.

affixed to the upper part of the rucksack in a figure 8.
A 5.5mm diameter climbing rope attached to the harness's carabiner...

The rucksack lifted up with the back rope, a solo climbing system


he must have felt heat.
With his autonomic nerves affected,



In the end, it must have been enough for him to want to take his own skin off.

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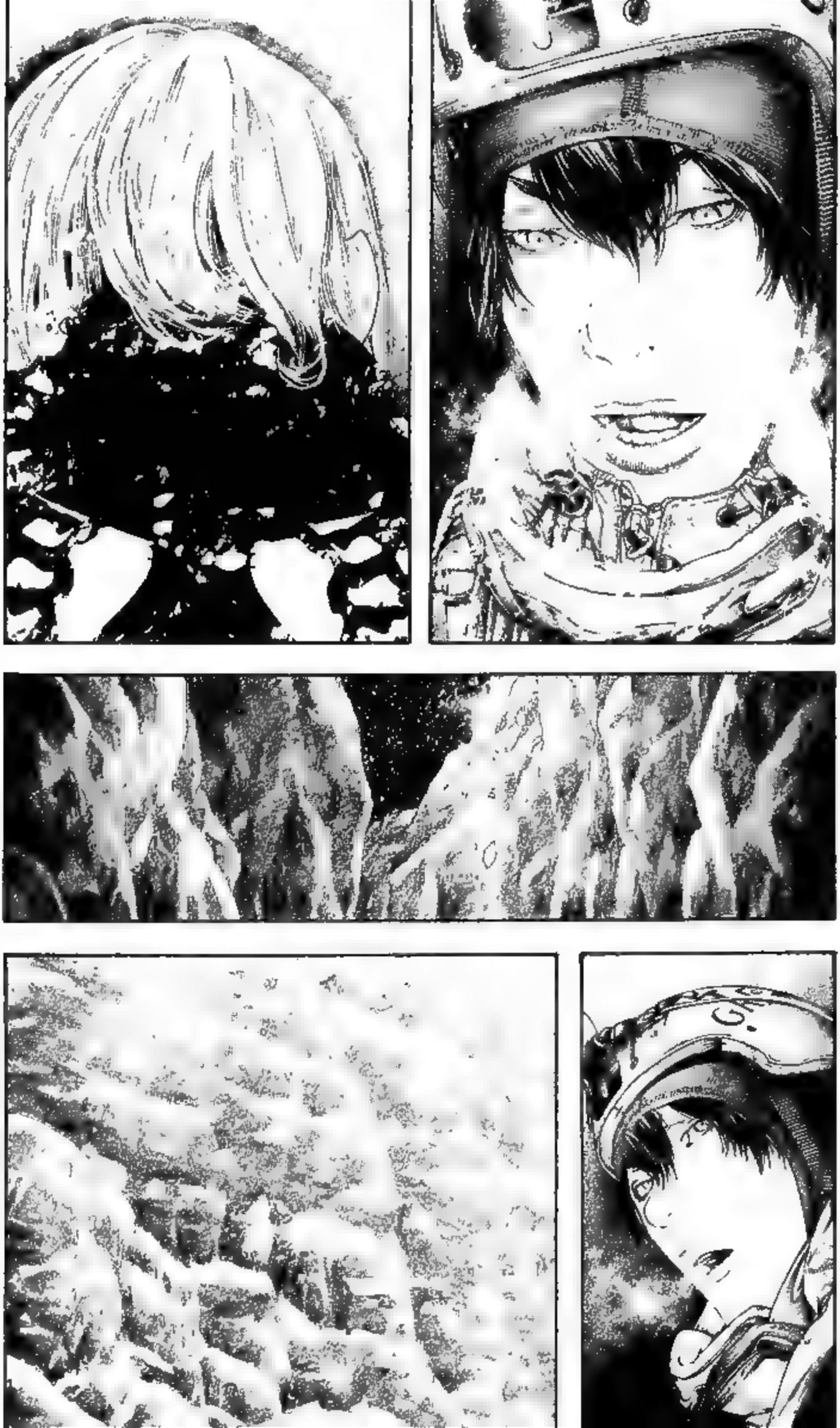
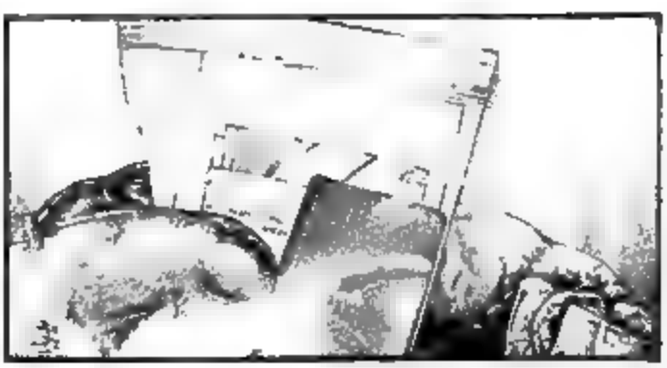
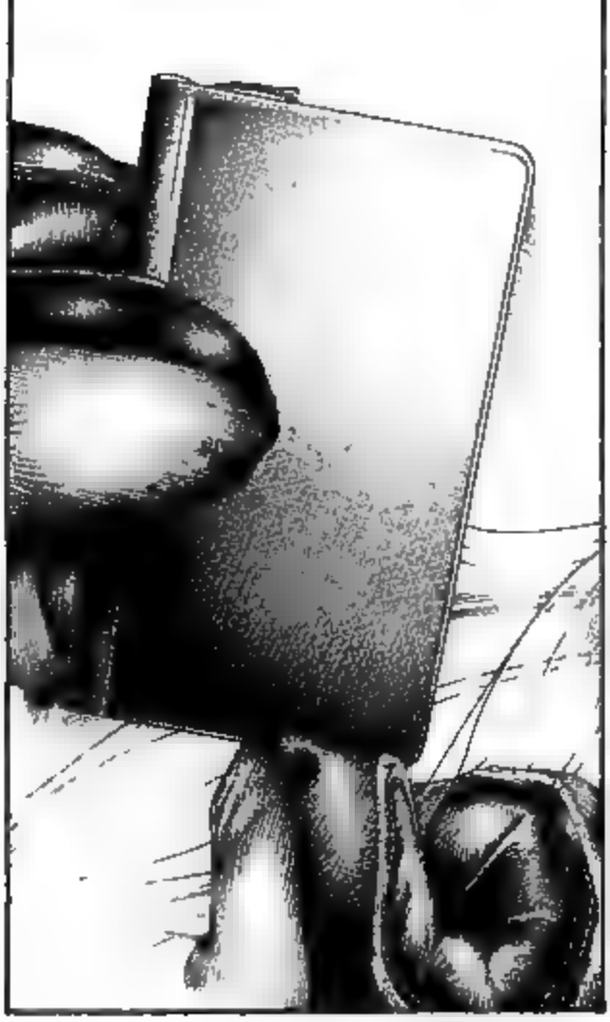


According to how the glacier moves and collapses, the terrain of the schrund will change.
If I assume that the conditions in here haven't changed since then, then he must have been one or two years since he fell here





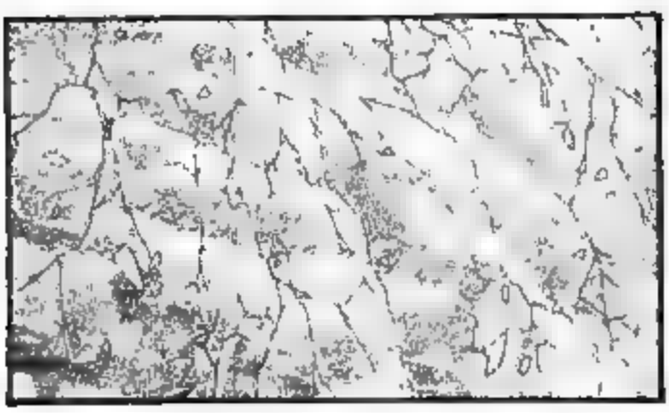
6/11 Arrival in Islamabad.
6/12 Staying at "
Meeting with liaison officer
In Rawalpindi,
cook food and such.
13th Islamabad~Skald
14th Staying at Skald
15th Skald~Askole

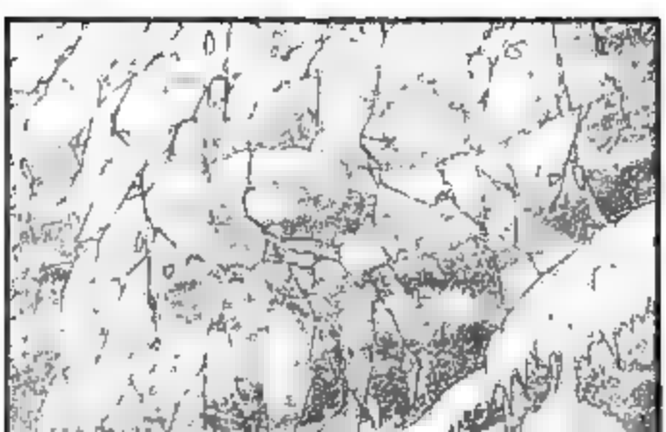
6/17 Paiju altitude acclimation
Past here, because cooking
becomes difficult. Yukk made
a lot of chapati. I rest in the
shade of the trees. This is as
far as the Paiju glacier extends.
6/19 Urdokas. High
20th Goro. Watery area.

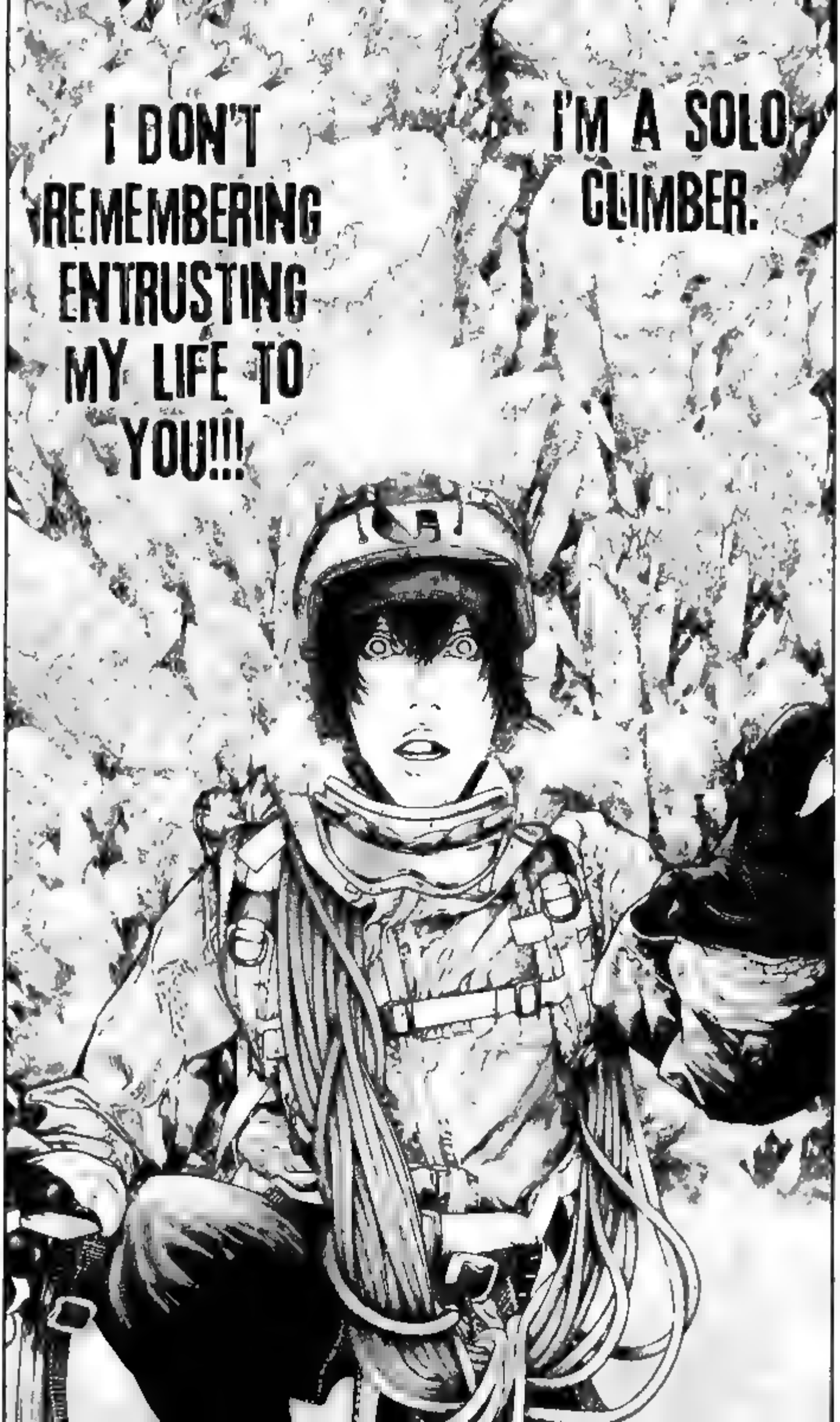
the DNA could be verifi—...
If I can bring back some hair,

!!?

DON'T INTERFERE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES...!!



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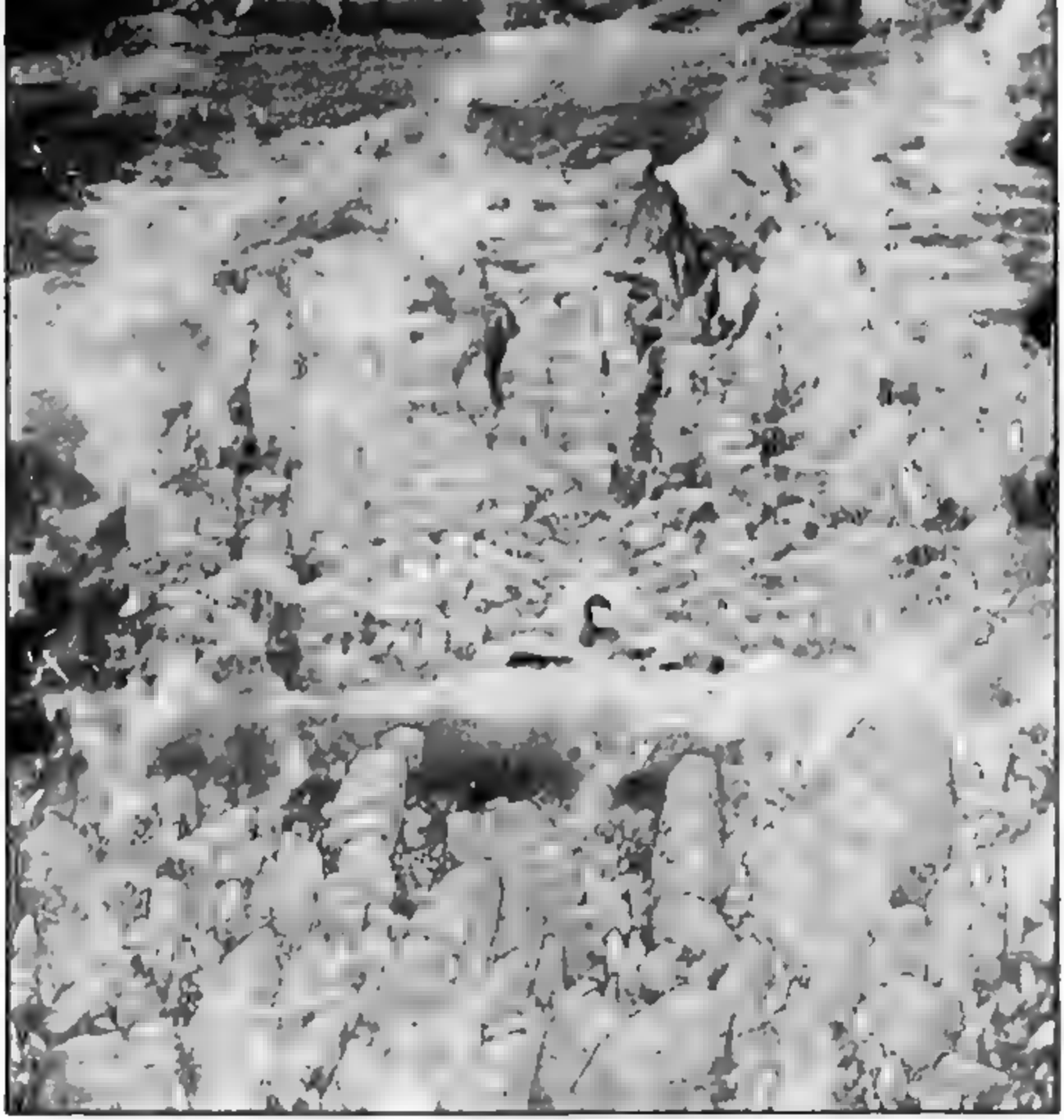
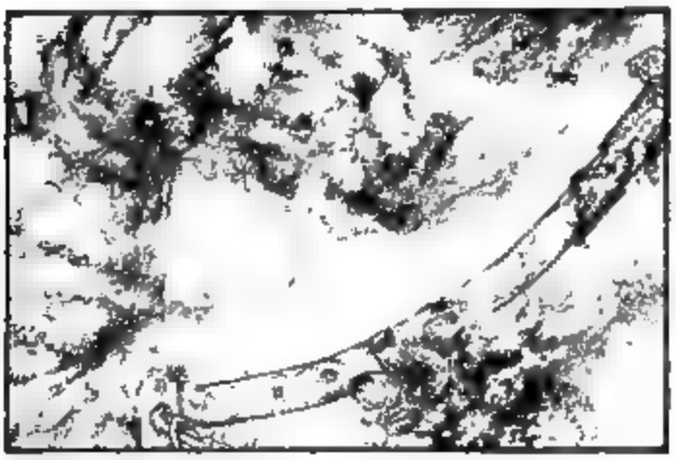
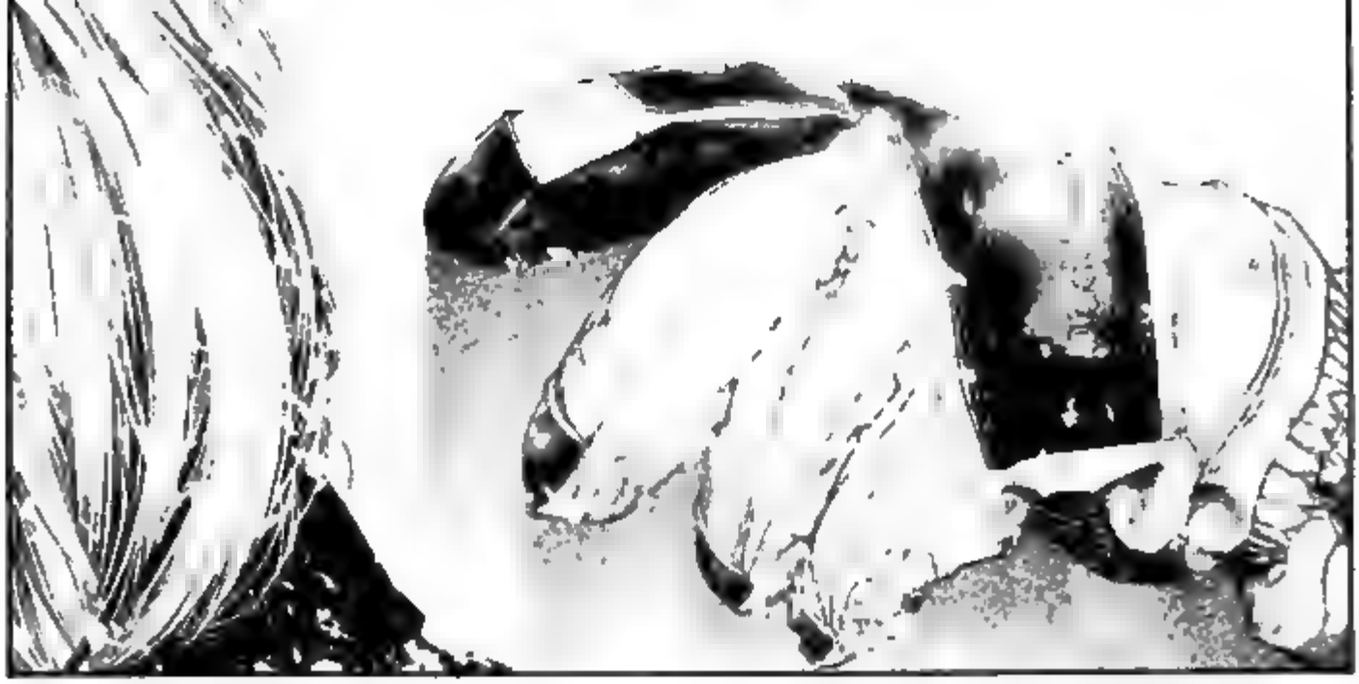
I DON'T REMEMBERING ENTRUSTING MY LIFE TO YOU!!!





This corpse will, without rotting away
or even exiting the cycle of rebirth,
for all eternity...

just sit here exposed
to the elements of these heavens,
as the mountain's guidepost...



YOU CANNOT CLIMB MOUNTAINS ALONE!!!
UNLESS YOU HAVE THE PREPAREDNESS TO BE ALONE FOREVER

I'd better hurry down...
Well,

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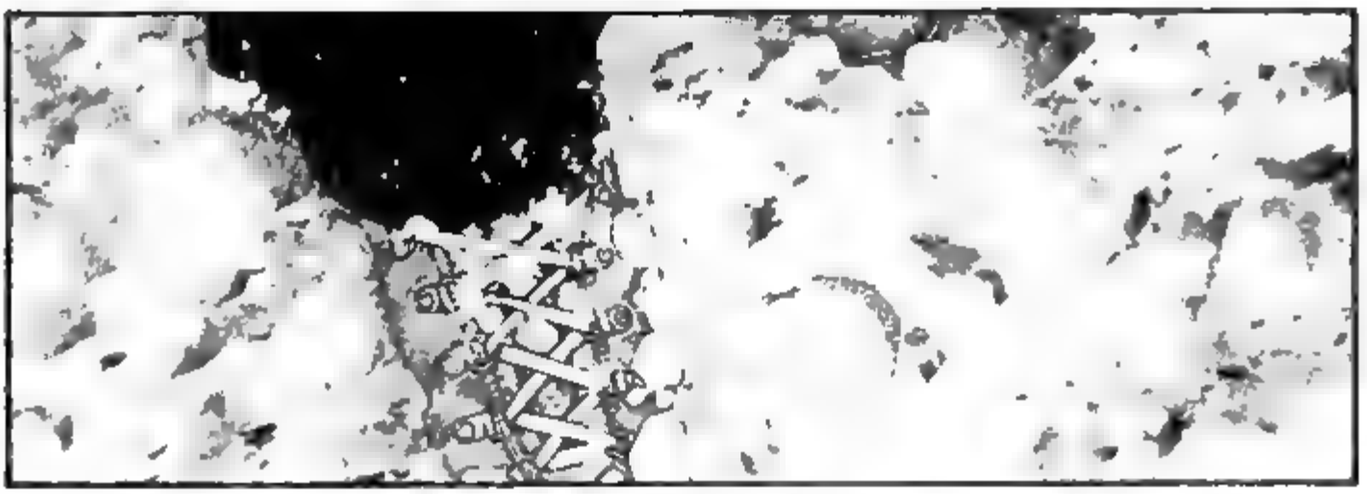

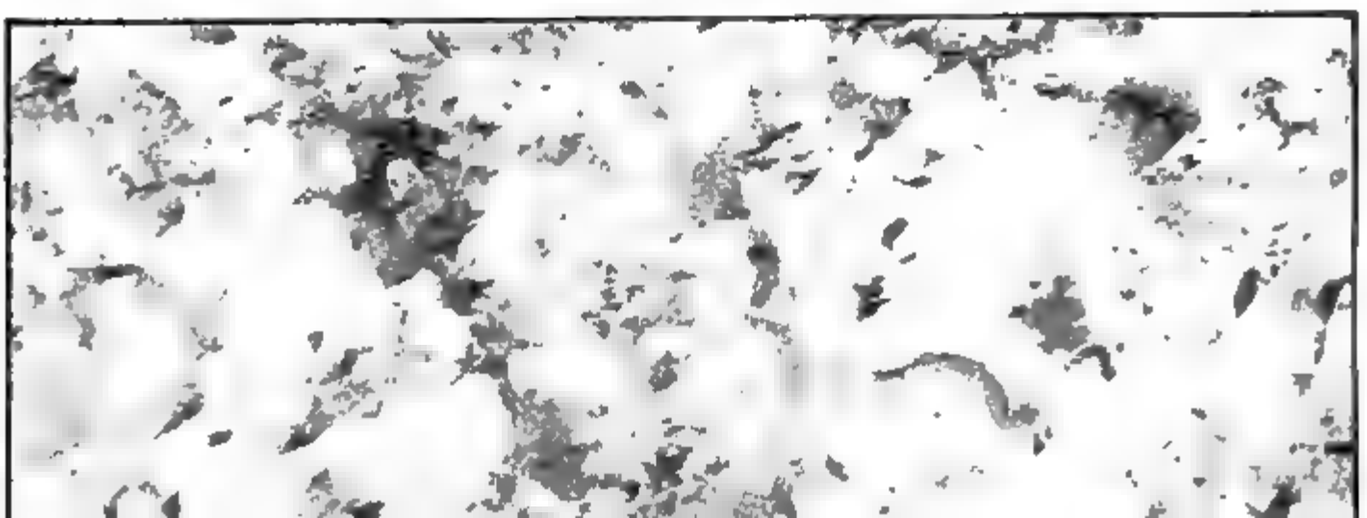

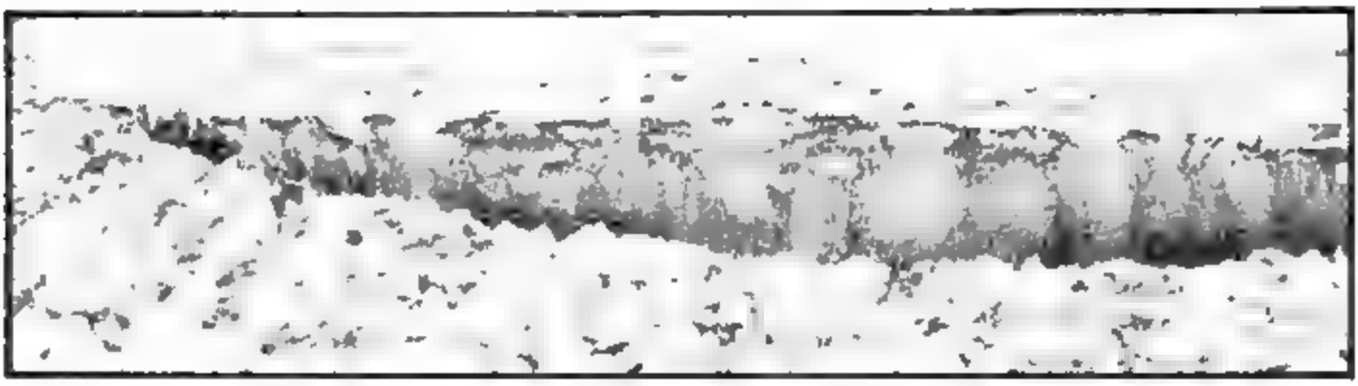

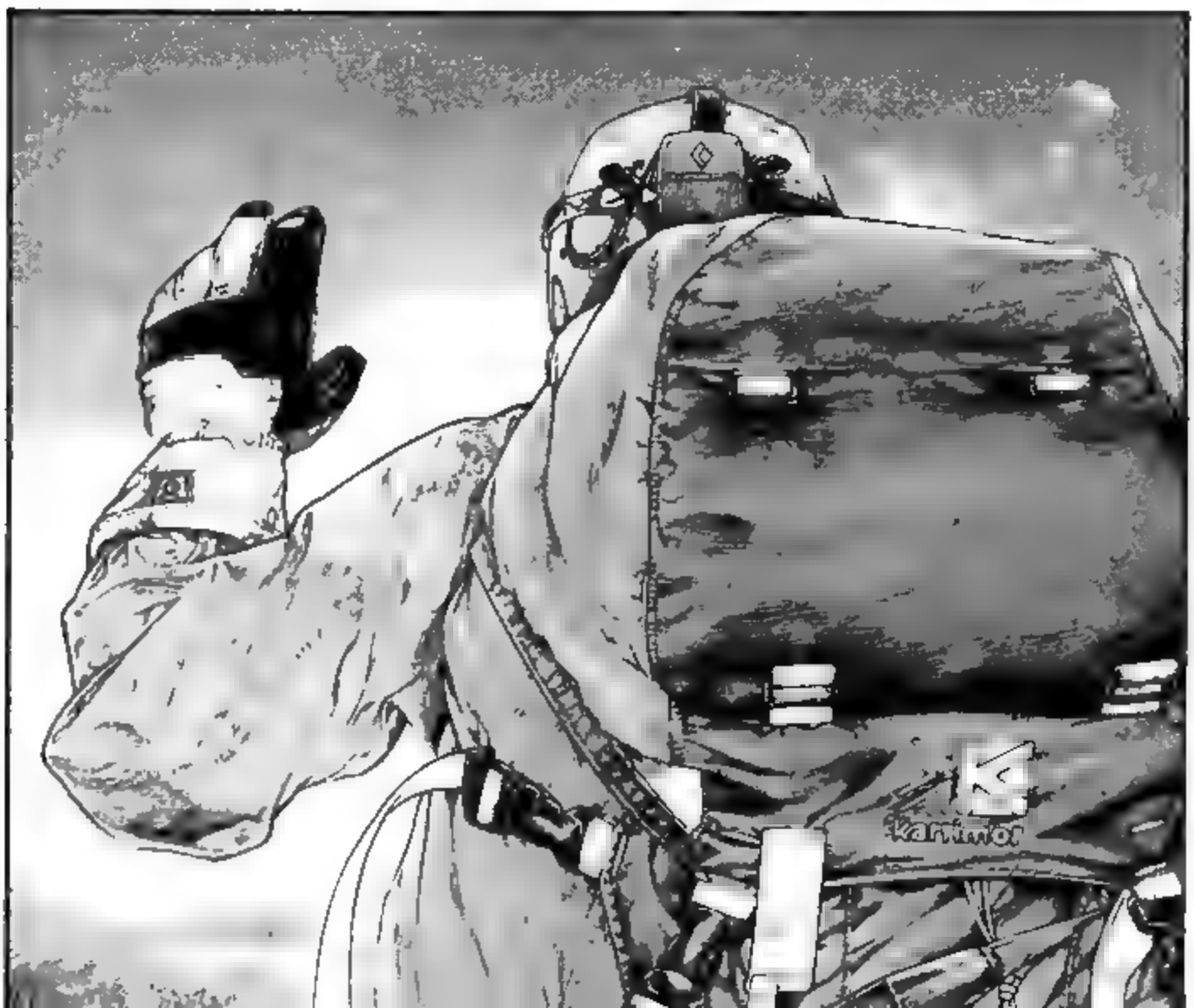
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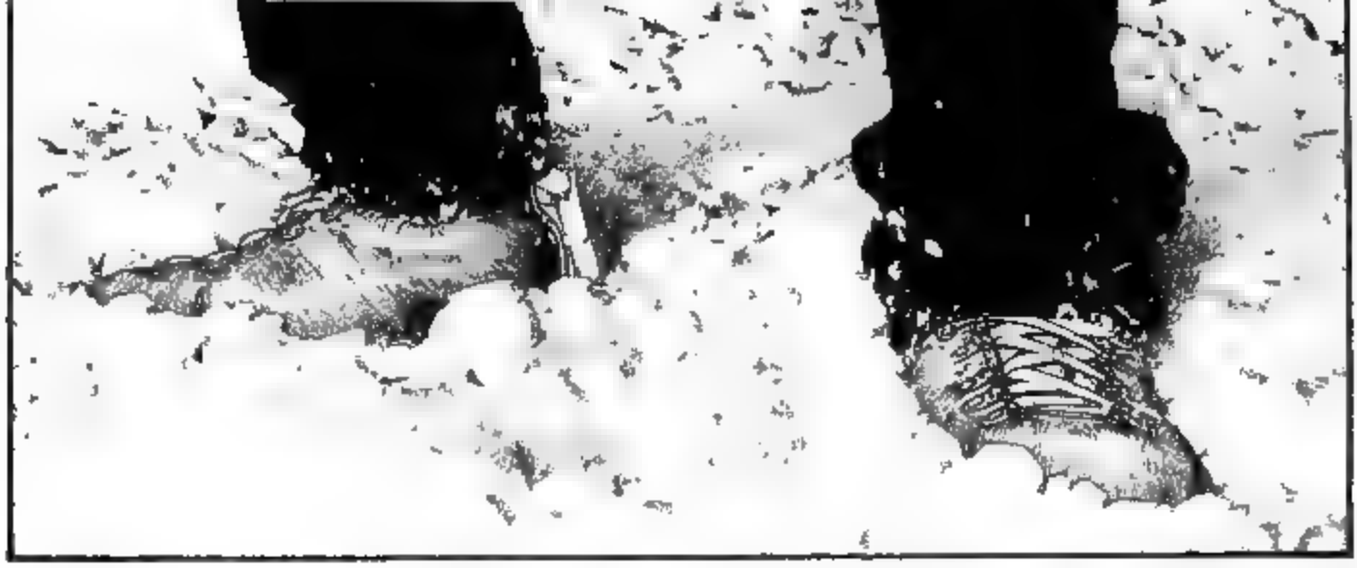

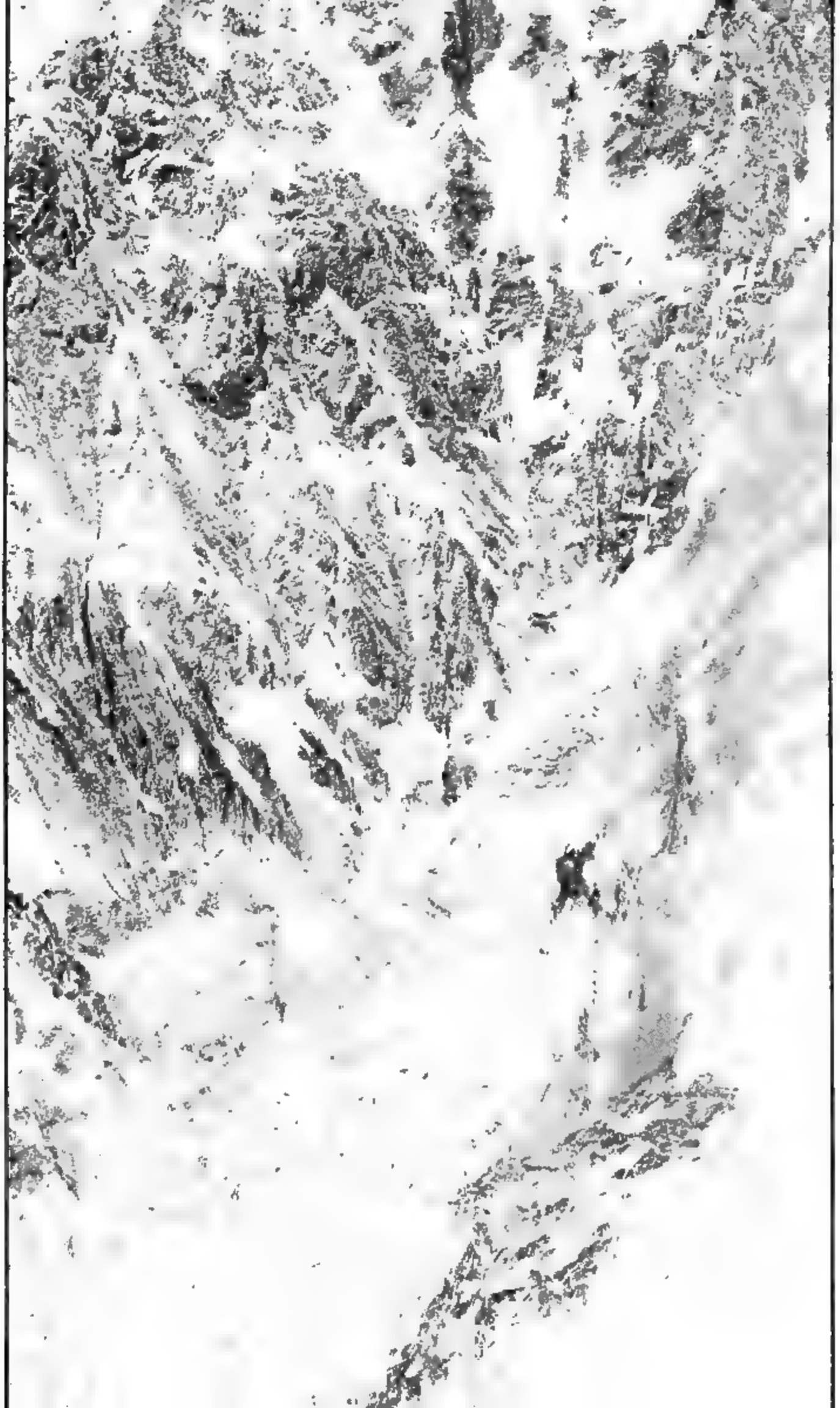

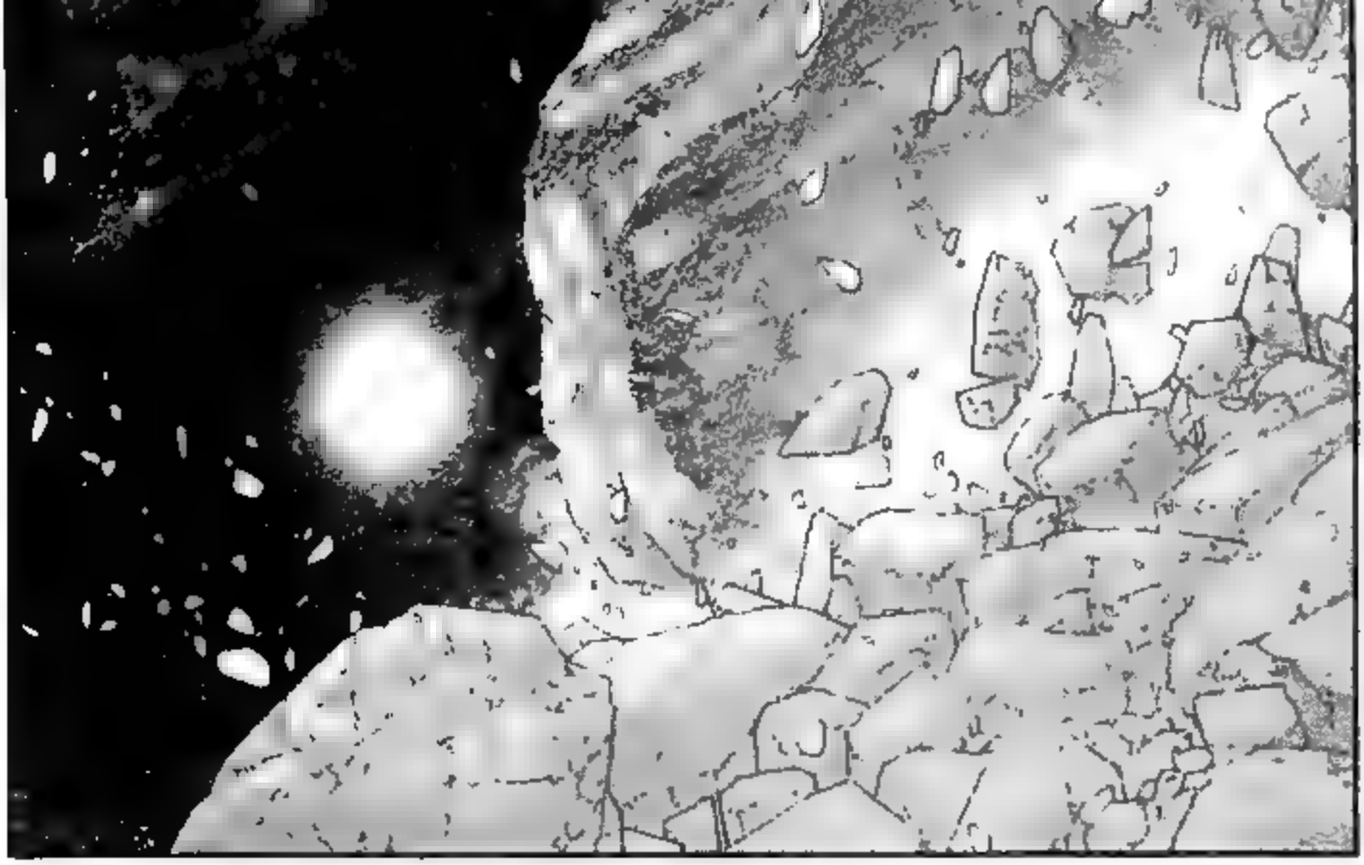

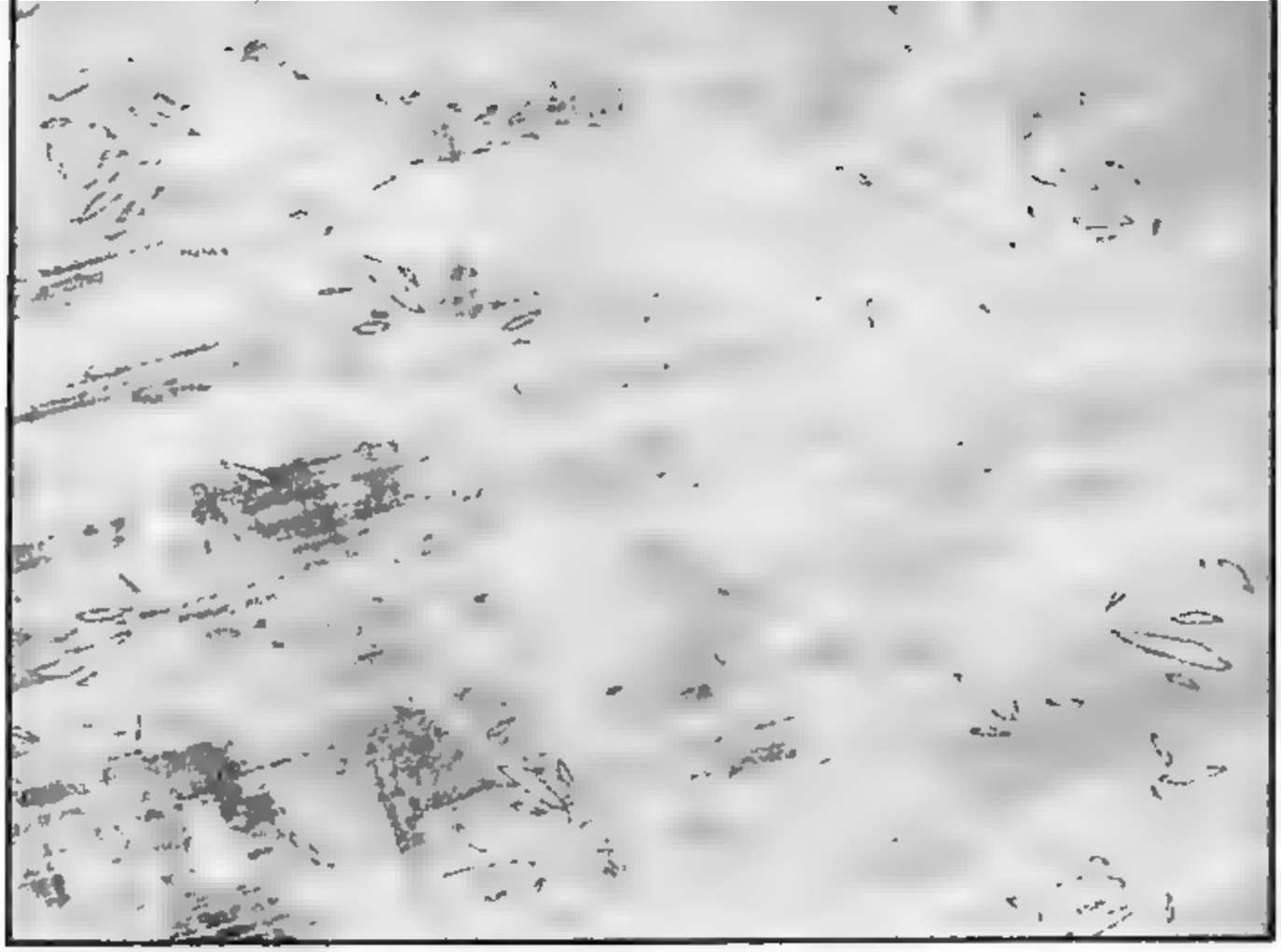

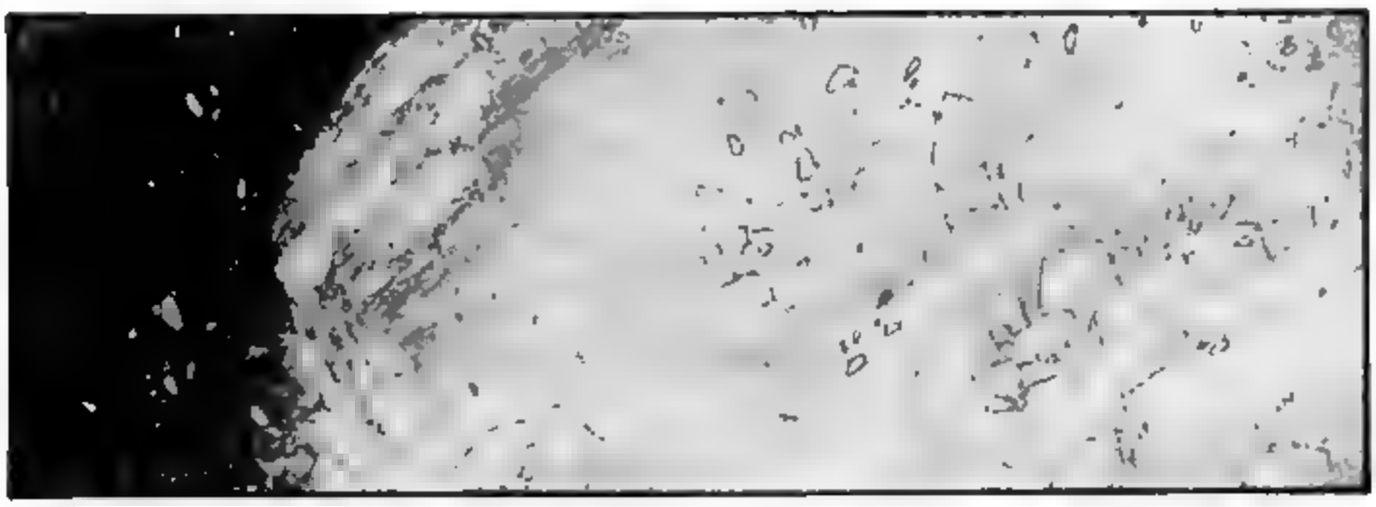

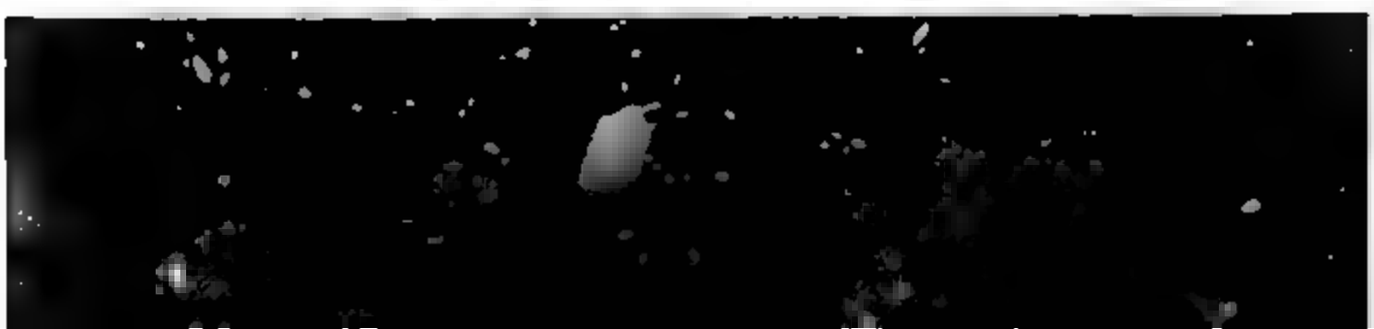

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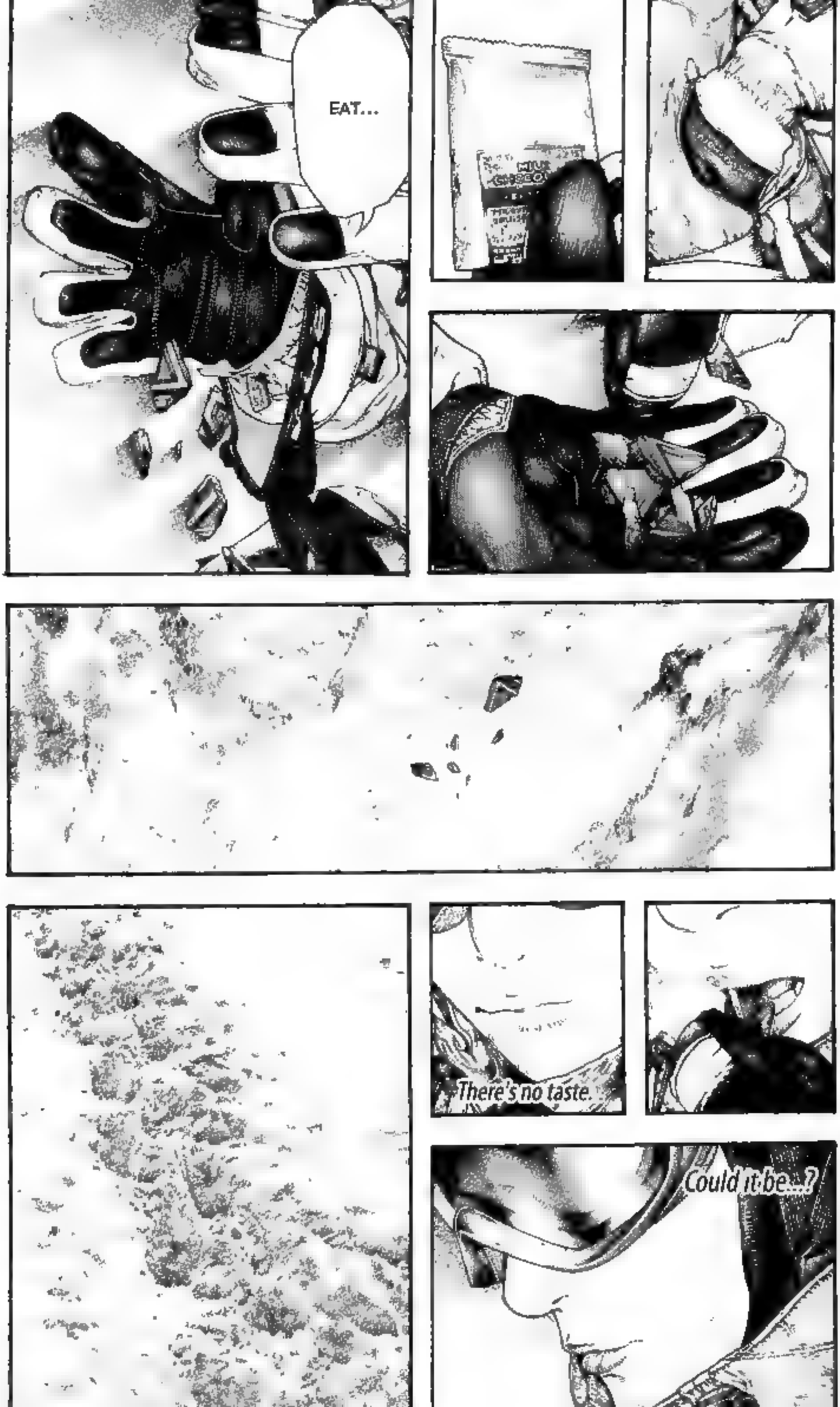
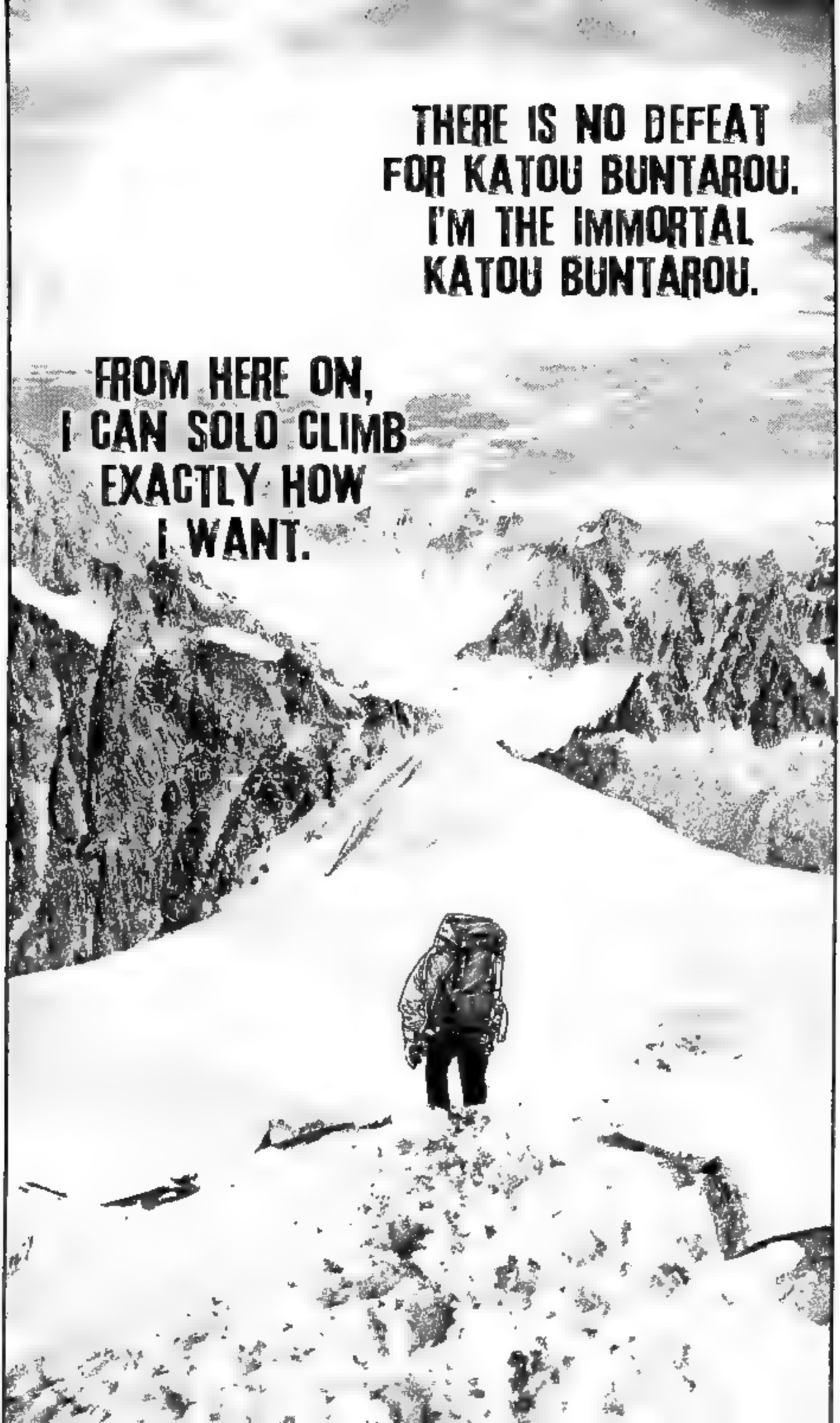
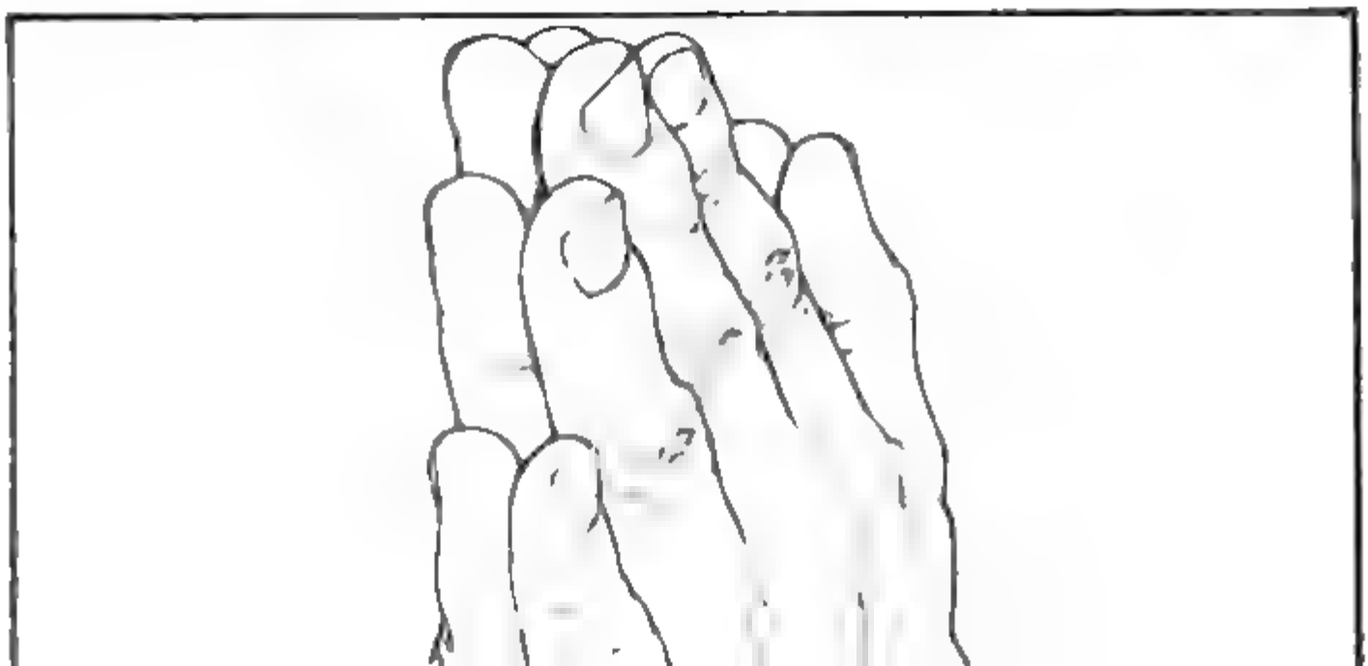
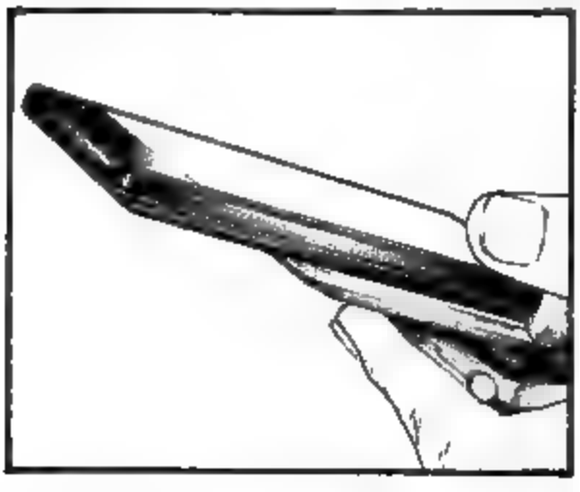
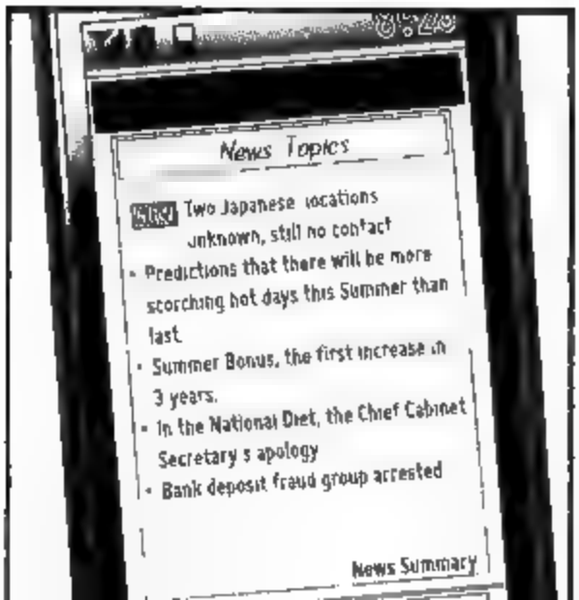

EAT...
There's no taste.
Could it be...?


THERE IS NO DEFEAT FOR KATOU BUNTAROU. I'M THE IMMORTAL KATOU BUNTAROU.
FROM HERE ON, I CAN SOLO CLIMB EXACTLY HOW I WANT.

ONE WINTER A FEW YEARS AGO, THERE WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED DISASTROUS INCIDENT IN THE NORTHERN ALPS
ONE TEAM MEMBER IN KAERAZU NO KEN, AND THEE HERE ON EBOSHI, LOST THEIR LIVES



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NEW Two Japanese locations unknown, still no contact
• Predictions that there will be more scorching hot days this Summer than last.
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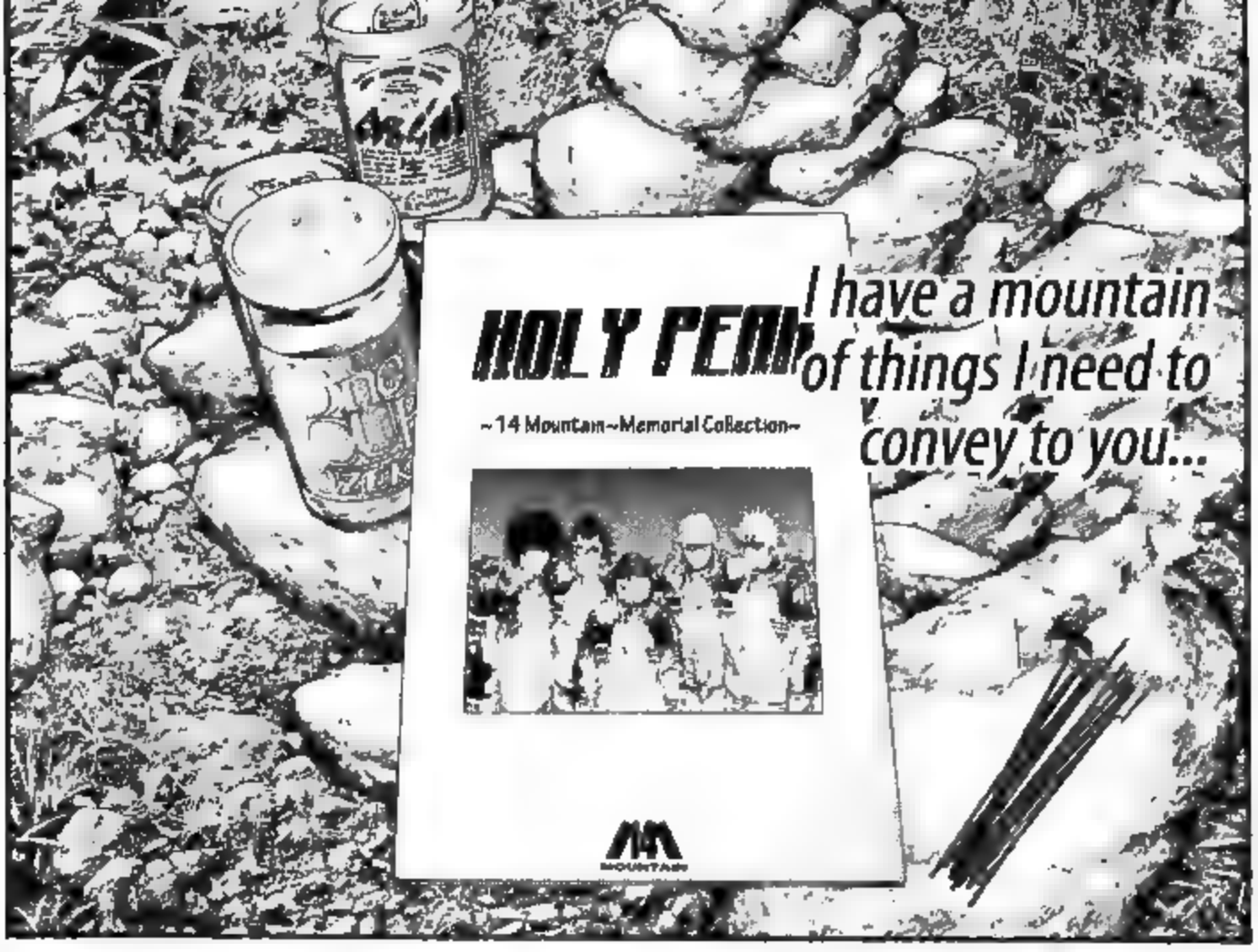
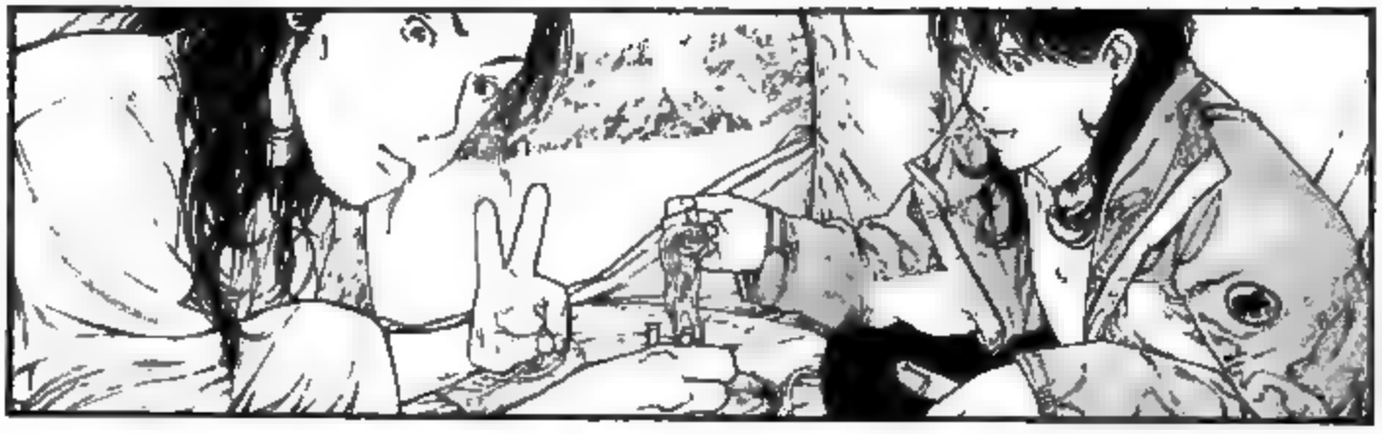
• In the National Diet, the Chief Cabinet Secretary s apology
• Bank deposit fraud group arrested
News Summary

HOLY PEAK
~14 Mountain~Memorial Collection~
AS A PERSON INVOLVED IN THE ESTA-BLISHMENT OF THAT TEAM,
I'VE WRITTEN DOWN THIS MEMORIAL COLLECTION AS AN ATONEMENT.
14
MOUNTAIN

Two Japanese' locations unknown, still no contact.

COME DOWN, BUNTAROU...!!!





Kase Akiko with his American climbing pa

At 16 years old in high school

At Oze Vice Captain Komatsu Tatsuji

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DIE..

...I'M
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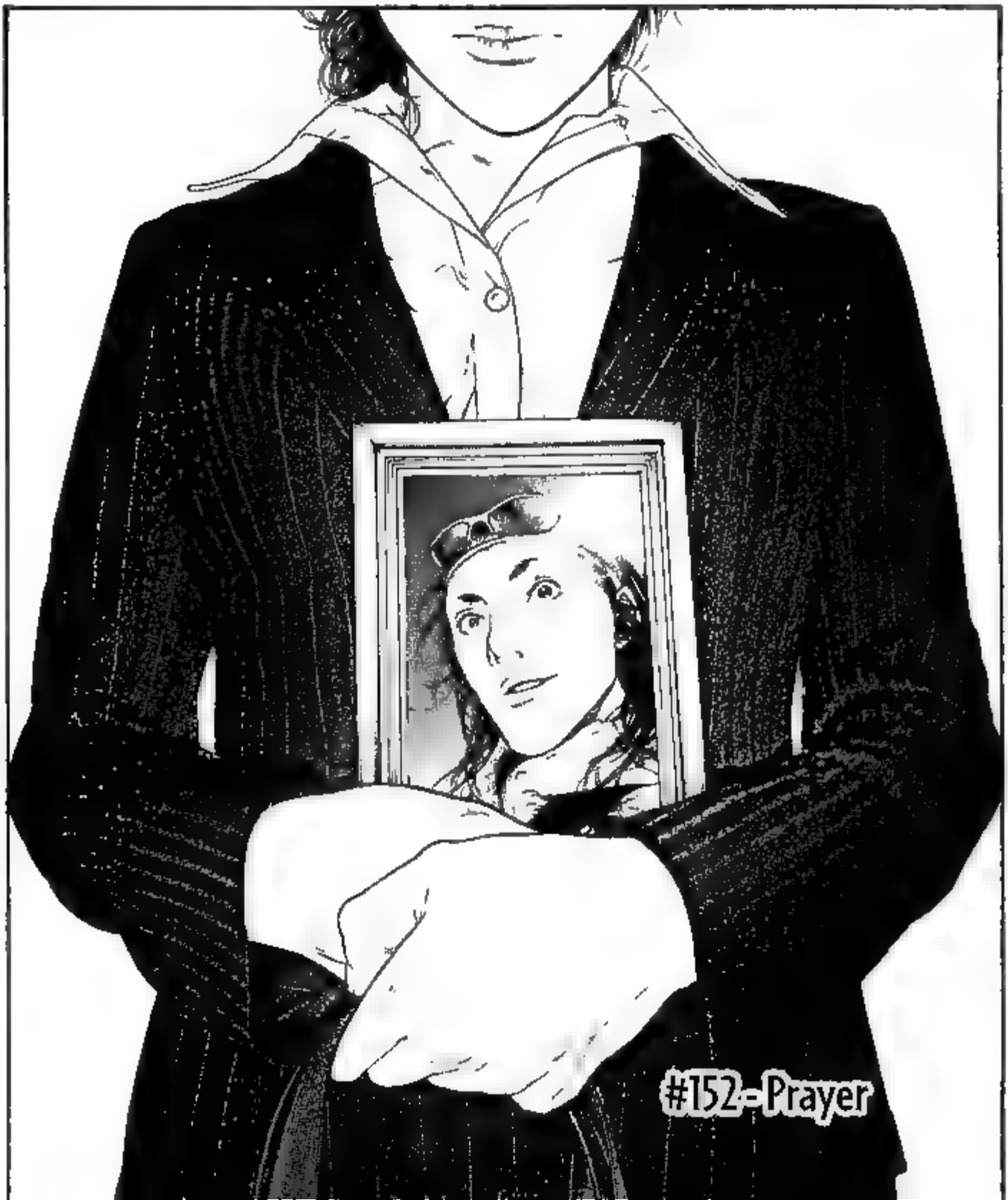
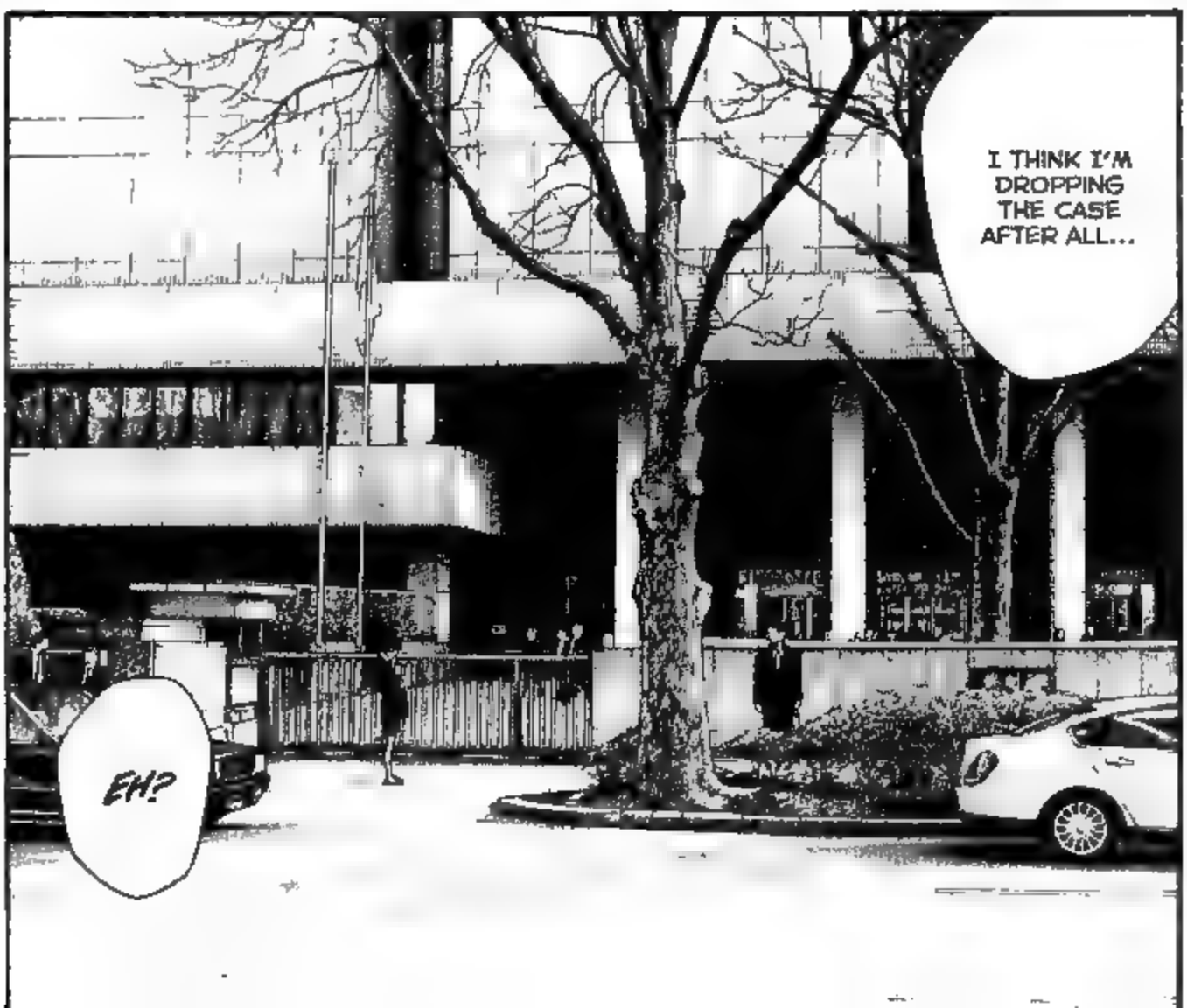


#152-Prayer

Sis?


I THINK I'M DROPPING THE CASE AFTER ALL...
EH?

SO IN THE END, YOU GAVE UP ON...
GET-TING THE INSURANCE MONEY FROM NIWI-KUN'S MOTHER, HUH?

YES.

#152 - Prayer

YES. HIS BODY WAS CREMATED VERY QUICKLY.
AND BECAUSE WE WERE KICKED AROUND AS A CAUSE, WE DIDN'T SEE A HAIR OF HIM.
AND EVEN HIS MOTHER WOULDN'T ACCEPT A DNA TEST.
BUT IN YOUR CURRENT SITUATION, WITH THE LOSS OF NIIMI-KUN,
IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD TO GET RECOGNITION AFTER HIS DEATH...

TL/Note: I translated that stuff back around chapter 80 when it first showed up. You can read it there if you want.

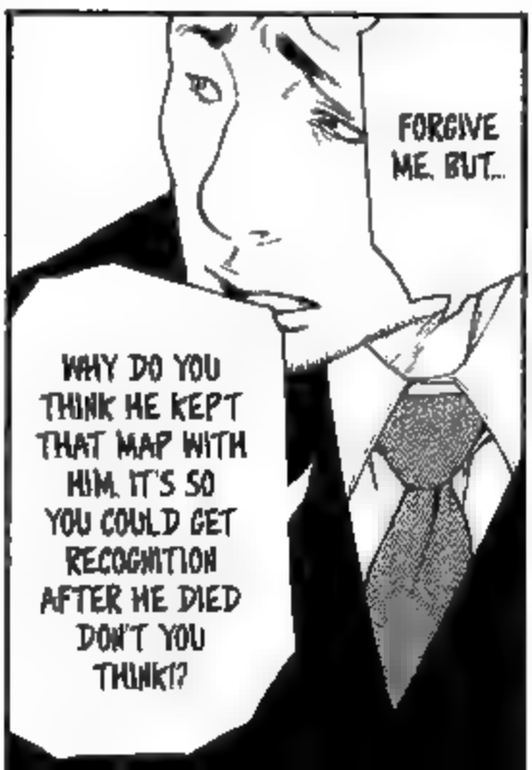
...YOU WERE USING THIS ONE SENTENCE AS PROOF THAT NIIMI-KUN KNEW ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF KEIJI-KUN BEFORE HE DIED.
I SEE...
I wanted to see my and Momo-chan's Kid
THIS SENTENCE ....
THAT'S COR-RECT.

AND THEY DECIDED THAT THE 10 MILLION YEN IN INSURANCE MONEY WOULD GO TO KEIJI, BUT...
WE APPEALED TO THE DIS-TRICT COURT TO PEACEFULLY GET RECOGNITION THAT KEIJI IS NIIMI'S CHILD,

YES...
THAT MONEY HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO NIIMI-KUN'S MOTHER...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING AFTER ALL THIS TIME, SIS?!!
IT'S ALREADY WITHIN REACH!!!
WHAT WE'RE DOING ISN'T A BAD THING!
WE'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT GETTING KEIJI'S MONEY BACK FROM THAT GREEDY OLD LADY, RIGHT!?

AND FOR KEIJI, SHE'S HIS ONLY GRAND-MOTHER...
...BUT SHE'S TAKU-CHAN'S MOTHER...


FORGIVE ME, BUT...
WHY DO YOU THINK HE KEPT THAT MAP WITH HIM. IT'S SO YOU COULD GET RECOGNITION AFTER HE DIED DON'T YOU THINK!?

KEIJI'S ALREADY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AND DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AT ALL.
I DON'T WANT HIM TO SEE HIS BLOOD RELATIVES QUARRELING ANYMORE.

...BACK THEN, TAKU-CHAN DIDN'T KNOW I HAD KEIJI IN MY BELLY.
I DON'T WANT TO DIRTY THE WORDS TAKU-CHAN LEFT BEHIND ANY MORE!!
UH-OH.
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!!!
H...
HEY, SIS, IT'S TIME. LET'S GO.
YOU'RE SO UNDIS-CIPLINED!!!
AH. WHY DO YOU NEVER FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ANY-THING SIS?

COULDN'T YOU JUST HELP ME OUT A LITTLE BIT AS A SIBLING!?
I HAVE A MORTGAGE LOAN TO PAY OFF.
AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE A BIG SALARY...

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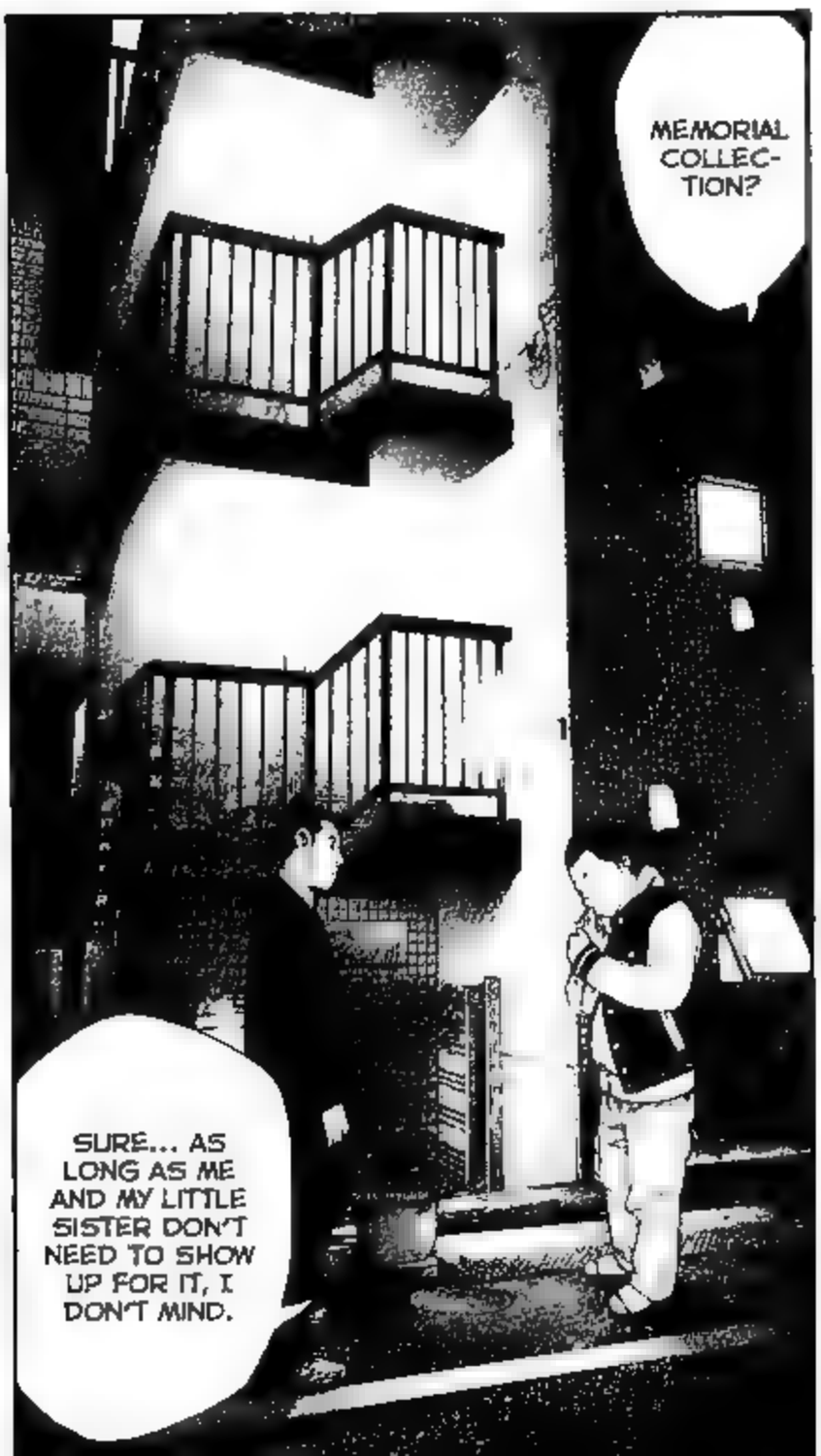
EH?
YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT MY OLD MAN AFTER ALL THIS TIME?

HE LOST HIS TOES ON MAKALU. UNCLE HAD A REAL ATTACH-MENT TO MOUNTAINS.
BUT TO US, HIS FAMILY, HE REALLY SUCKED AS A DAD.


MEMORIAL COLLEC-TION?
SURE... AS LONG AS ME AND MY LITTLE SISTER DON'T NEED TO SHOW UP FOR IT, I DON'T MIND.

AND MY FAMILY WAS FORCED TO BREAK UP.

AND FINALLY THEY GOT DIVORCED ...

MY MOM HAD TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT,

SINCE MY DAD DIDN'T WORK MUCH, AND THAT LEAD TO A BAD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM.

So when we heard about the accident

Northern Alps Mountaineering Team of 5 in an accident?

I pretty much felt as if he had reaped what he'd sewn

PLEASE WAIT HERE,

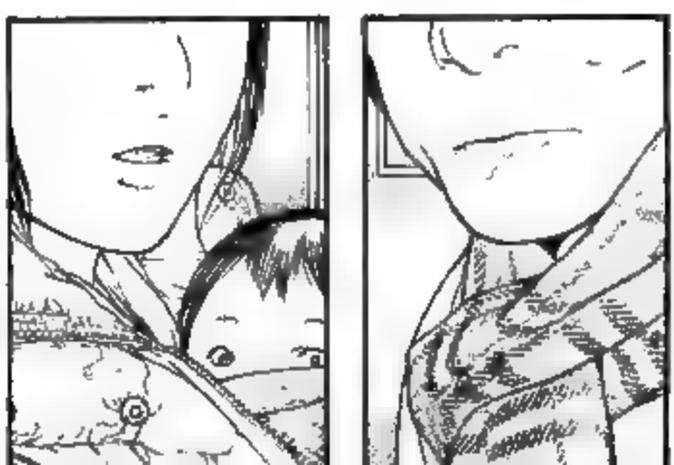
UNTIL THE CORPSE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS IS OVER.

And that Spring, when we got the news that the corpse was miraculously found...

Anyhow, he was my dad without any other relatives, so I figured I'd have to go get him or no one else would, so I went to the police station

I THOUGHT... NO ONE WOULD COME TO ACCEPT HIM...
ME, TOO...
SO DID MOM...

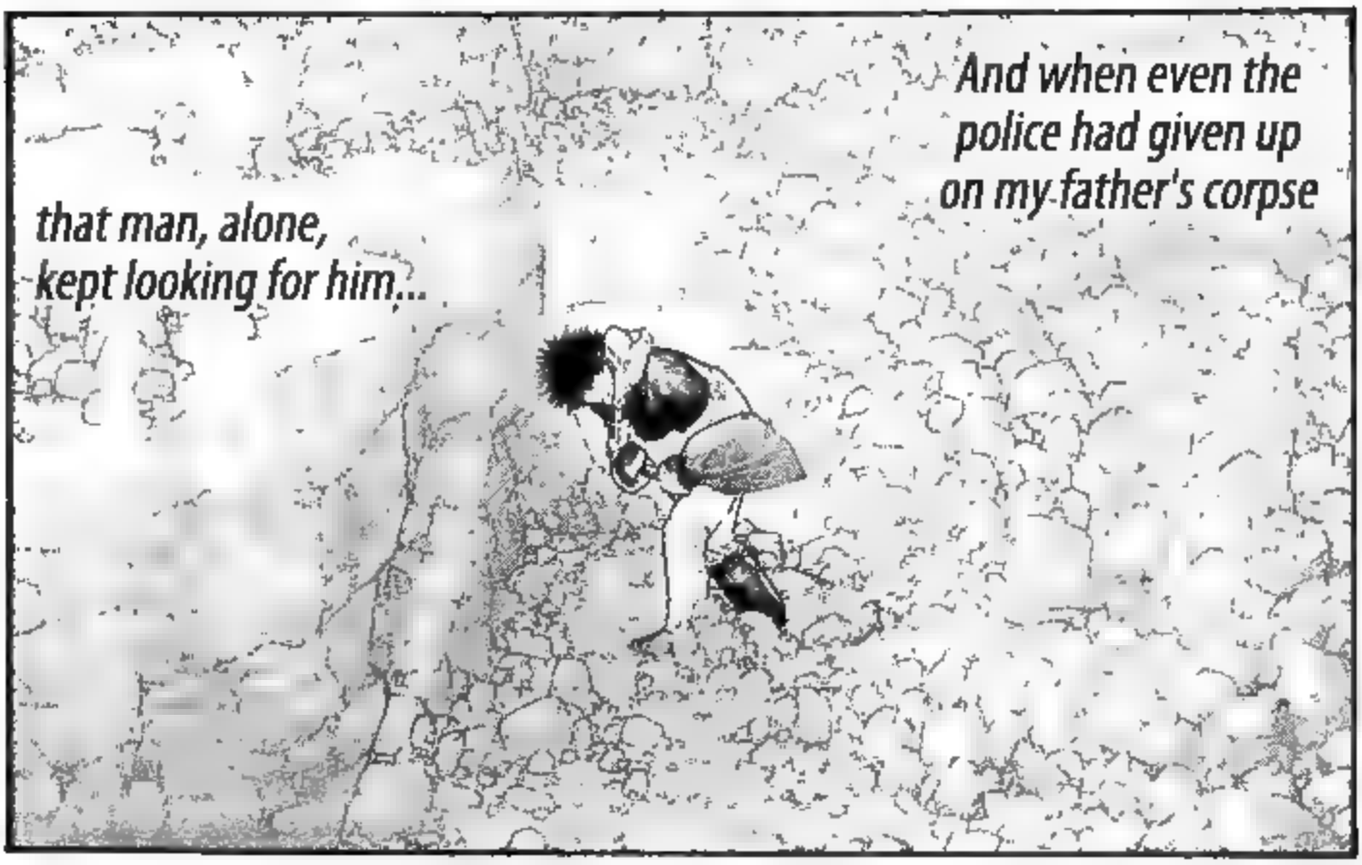
EH...
WHY...!?

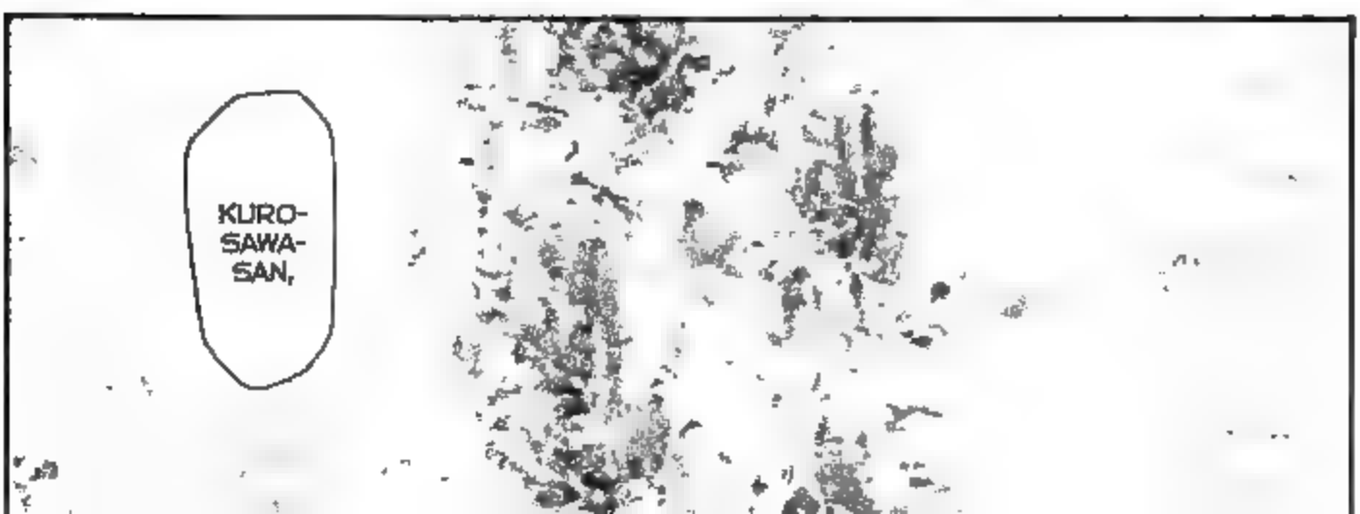


...I GUESS IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS, HUH?
I WONDER IF IT'S YOUR FATHER THAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER...
PUH.
HEH.

HE PROBABLY GOT SO OBSESSED WITH MOUNTAINS IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR HIS FAILURE ON MAKALU.
THE FACT THAT HE POURED SO MUCH PASSION INTO THE K2 EAST-FACE WAS IN ORDER TO WIN HIS TRUST BACK FROM HIS FAMILY. I HEARD THAT FROM CAPTAIN NINOMIYA.
WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THE SAME DAD THAT HAD TORN THE BONDS OF OUR FAMILY APART. .
BROUGHT US BACK TOGETHER IT WAS PRETTY IRONIC
IN THAT TIME, I HATED EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD..
AND THINGS WERE TOUGH, BUT. .
PLEASE USE THIS.
IT'S A PHOTO FROM WHEN OUR FAMILY GOT ALONG BEST

That man, alone,
would reach his hand out to me when I was at rock bottom...


And when even the police had given up on my father's corpse
that man, alone, kept looking for him...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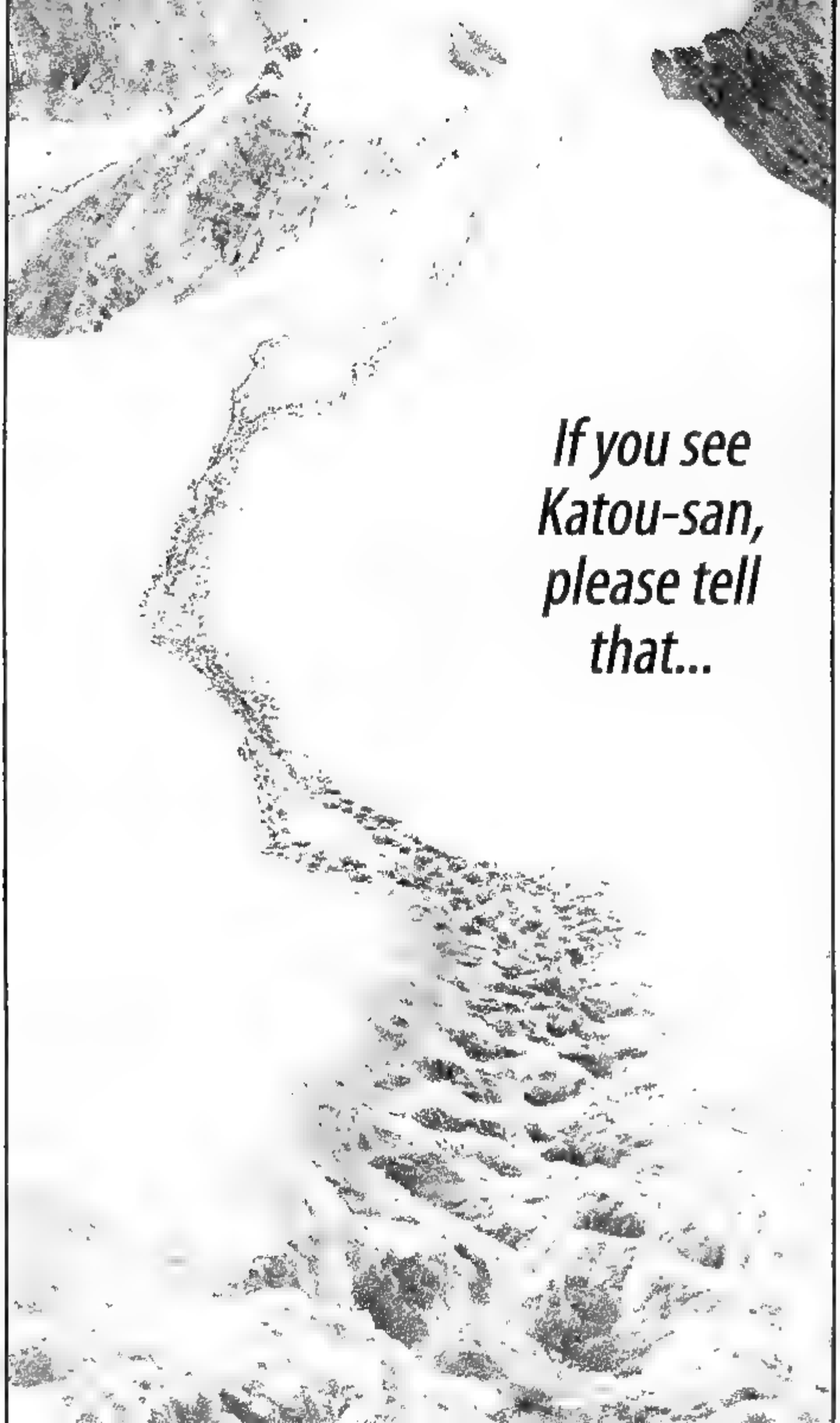
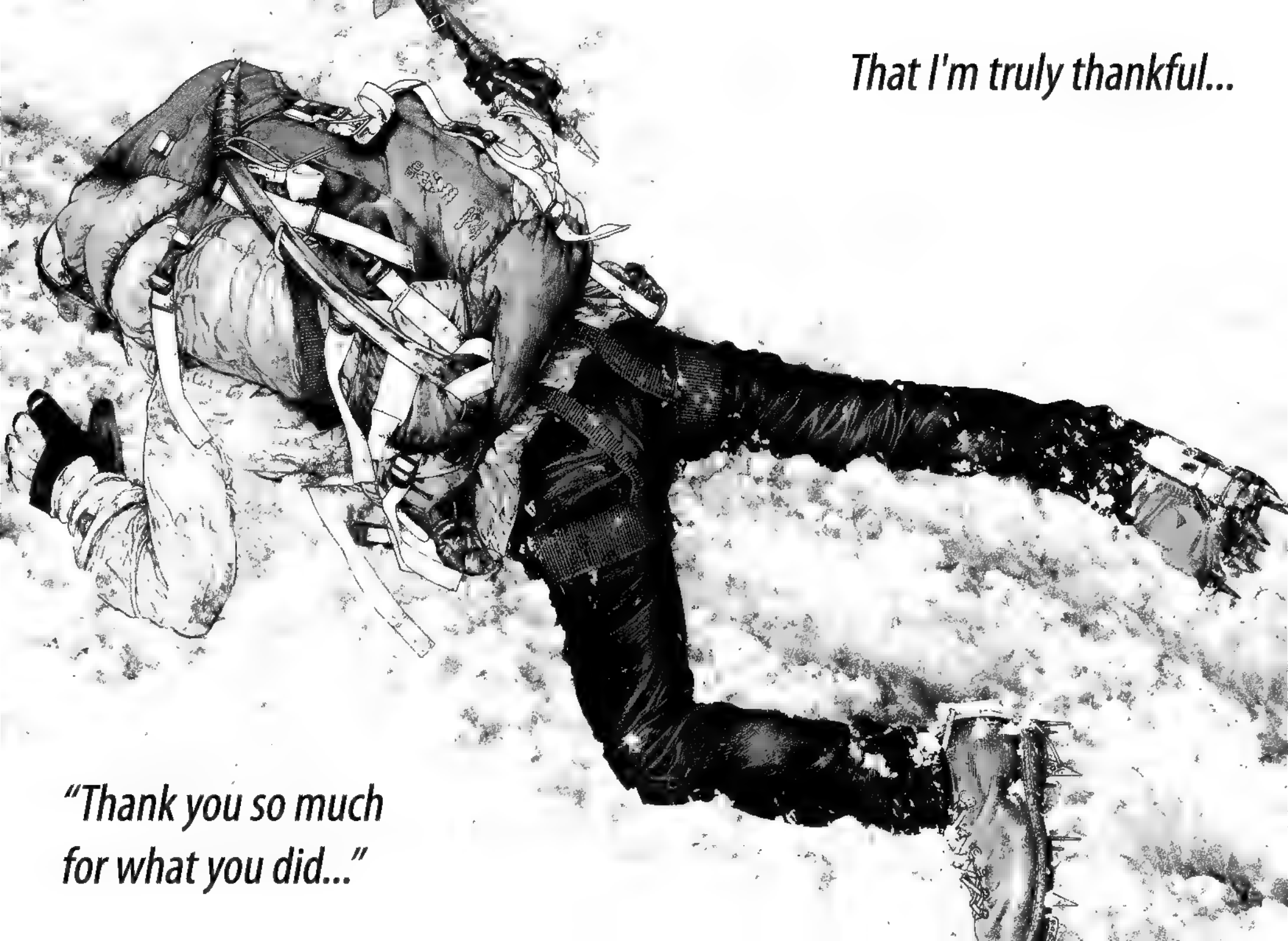

If you see Katou-san, please tell that...


That I'm truly thankful...
"Thank you so much
for what you did..."

そが美しき「登山精神」

吉野寛

YOSHINO HIROSHI

THE CLIMBER 極限の挑戦者16

取材・文　原川慎太郎　イラスト　坂本真一

よしのひろし。1950年、東京都三鷹市で四人兄弟の長男に生まれる。緑豊かな環境で伸び伸びと育った吉野は、大学のワンダーフォーゲル部で山を始める。在学中の68年に名門、東京蒼稜会の門を叩く。大学を卒業、ソニーに就職したが新人研修のさなか、このまま社会人になると山に登れなくなると退社。登山用品店で働きながら、厳しく困難な山行、登攀にのめり込んでいく。

吉野寛　挑戦の年譜

1967年	東海大学ワンダーフォーゲル部入部
1969年	東京蒼稜会入会
1973年	2月、穂高屏風岩東壁ルンゼ冬期初登攀
1977年	夏、ヨーロッパアルプスの岩壁登攀
	9月、登攀クラブ蒼氷創立、初代代表
	80年代前半にかけ、奥鐘山西壁や黒部丸山東壁など日本屈指と目される大岩壁で冬期初登攀は数知れず。より困難な単独登攀、冬期単独初登攀記録も多く、国内の冬期岩壁登攀で右に出る会はない存在となった。
1978年	10月　イエティ同人隊、ダウラギリⅠ峰南西壁から登頂
1980年	2～3月、谷川岳一の倉沢6ルート連続登攀
	夏、ヨーロッパアルプスの岩壁登攀
1981年	10月　イエティ同人隊隊長、アンナプルナⅠ峰南壁中央岩稜初登攀
1982年	10月　日本山岳協会隊でK2（チョゴリ）北壁無酸素登頂
1983年	10月　イエティ同人隊隊長でエベレスト無酸素日本人初登頂、翌日に転落死
	翌年に計画していた8000m峰最後の壁の一つ、ローツェ南壁を前に33歳で逝く。

登れないかも知れないが、難しいルートだ」

登山において「高さ」を求めることは「死」につながりやすい。それは滑落や雪崩などのリスクの前に、高所から「撤退できない」ことが「死」に直結しているからだ。8000m峰未踏ルート初登攀が競われた時代、高峰の最も困難なルートを最も困難な方法で挑むことを貫いたクライマー吉野寛。今なおトップクライマーに憧れられる、その生き方に迫る。

ヒマラヤ8000m峰の未踏ルート初登攀争いが盛んだった時代、困難ゆえに未踏となっている高峰難ルートに己の登山を見出し、その純粋な登山精神で時のクライマー達を魅了した男がいる。それが吉野寛だ。世界で評価される8000m峰登山を成し遂げながら、しかも、成功のために主義を曲げることはない。**「酸素を使う登山には意味がない。シェルパは協力少なく自分たちの力で登る…」**その信念に満ちた姿にトップクライマーたちは畏敬の念を抱いた。

1970年代、名門山岳会・東京蒼稜会で実績を積んだ吉野寛は、ヒマラヤへの強い憧れからやがて同山岳会から離れ、ヒマラヤ遠征に向けての準備を計る。77年夏には、後にエベレスト無酸素登頂をともに果たすことになる進藤晴行とヨーロッパの大岩壁を登りまくった。帰国後、若い友人らと「登攀クラブ蒼氷」を結成。80年代前半にかけ旺盛の勢いで各地の岩壁、氷壁を登りつめ、国内の冬期岩壁登攀で右に出る会はない存在となった。

そして憧れのヒマラヤ登山でも実績を重ねる。78年、吉野の初のヒマラヤは、ヒマラヤ遠征のために実力派クライマーが集う組織「イエティ同人隊」に参加し、ダウラギリ主峰南柱状岩稜（サウスピラー）に挑戦、長大なルートを制し、見事登頂を果たす。「蒼氷」での実績も圧倒的で、瞬く間に時代の前衛を走るクライマーとなった。

そして81年、吉野は再びイエティ同人隊を、今度は登攀クラブ蒼氷の若手メンバーを中核に編成し、アンナプルナ一峰南壁の未踏の中央岩稜に挑んだ。10月29日、無酸素でのアタックを成功させる。二次アタック隊で滑落遭難を出す、極限の中での登頂だ。

一回目のヒマラヤ遠征「ダウラギリ一峰南柱状岩稜登頂」では長大なルートを制覇し、二回目の遠征で世界屈指の大岩壁で最も険しいルート「アンナプルナ一峰南壁

[彼こ

1981年、アンナプルナⅠ峰南壁、世界屈指の難ルートで無酸素初登攀を達成。

▲1982年、未踏のK2北壁を日本のトップクライマーを集めた日本山岳協会隊で初登攀。

中央岩稜」を無酸素で初登攀した。世界的にも最先鋭の登攀を成し遂げた手腕は見事というほかない。

「登攀クラブ蒼氷」結成間もない頃の吉野の言葉。

「これからのヒマラヤは簡単なルートをすばやく登るか、困難なバリエーションを登るかのどちらかだ。おれたちが狙うのは登れないかも知れないが、難しいルートだ。体力と最高の技術を最便してあとから来る連中がびっくりするほどの新しいラインを引く」。

二度のヒマラヤ遠征はまさに前述の言葉を実現したものであり、吉野の実績でも世界的に評価が高いものだ。

82年夏、世界第二の高峰K2（チョゴリ）、未踏の北壁で登頂に成功。オールジャパンの精鋭を集めた隊は、超高所のバリエーションルートから無酸素初登頂の栄冠を得た。

「午後9時5分、何の変哲もない穏やかな雪原の頂上につく。夜が始まろうとしている空の下にパキスタンの山並みが続き、マッシャブルムの鋭い岩の峰が印象的だった。何の変哲もないこの山に何を求めてきたのだろうか。また来年エベレストの頂上で、同じことを思うのだろうか」。

この日登頂した吉野含む3名は8300m地点で辛いビバーク。翌日、体調を崩した柳沢をロープで確保、苦労しながら降ろした。だが安全圏と判断し、ロープを解いた直後、隊員・柳沢が視界から消え北壁3000mを滑落。自分一人下りるのも困難な極限の中でなお、吉野は仲間を支えた。淡々として多くは語らないが仲間を思う優しさ、強い気持ちを秘めた男ゆえ、一騎当千のクライマーたちも吉野をリーダーとして慕った、象徴的なエピソードだ。

翌83年秋、吉野はイエティ同人隊を率い、エベレスト無酸素登頂を目指した。成功すれば日本人初。だが同時期、南西壁を計画していた山学同志会が南稜、さらにサウスコルにトラバースし東南稜に許可なく転進。奇しくも、日本の高所登山を牽引した二つの登山隊「〝鉄の軍団〟山学同志会」「〝一騎当千の個の集団〟イエティ同人隊」が同ルートで鉢合わせになる。10月8日、山学同志会は吉野らと同じタイミングで頂上アタックとなる。イエティ隊は遠藤が16時に登頂、カムロ、吉野と続く。18時、遠藤は南峰とのコル8750mでビバーク。カムロ、吉野が超高所の8800mでビバーク。翌9日朝、カムロの姿はなかったが、遠藤は立ち上がった吉野の姿を見た。下降を続け、途中吉野を待つが現れない。11日、南西壁下で吉野の遺体が発見され、翌12日クレバスに氷葬された。

翌11月13日遠された妻・あつ子が長女・遙を出産。吉野の血を継ぐ一つの命が生まれた。

▲1978年、ダウラギリⅠ峰前柱状岩稜から登頂。撮影は頂上にて。

「おれたちが狙うのは

クライミング用語解説

「孤高の人」には クライミングの専門的な用語が出てきます。第15巻で出てきた用語を解説します!!

懸垂下降（P40）……①

ザイルを使って岩や氷の壁を降りること。支点に通したザイルを二つ折りにして垂らし、それにエイト環などの下降器をセットして降りる。下降後は二つ折りにしたザイルの一方を引いて回収する。こうすることで何回も懸垂下降を繰り返すことが可能となり、大岩壁でも降りることができる。支点には、ハーケン、立ち木、岩角にかけたスリングなどを用いる。氷壁では、氷に穴を開けてV字スレッドを作り、支点にする。

単独登攀のシステム（P140・P144）……②

単独で壁を登る場合、登り方の選択肢は主に二つある。ひとつは、確保をとらないフリーソロ。もうひとつは、Z式と呼ばれる確保をとって登る方法である。やさしい壁では、登攀時間を短縮し、外的リスク（雪崩、天候悪化）を減らすために、ザックを担いだままフリーソロで登るのが普通。フリーソロで登るのが難しく、墜落のリスクが大きい壁では、ハーケンなどで中間支点を作り、その支点にザイルを通しながら登る。ハーケンなどはいったん登った後に懸垂下降しながら回収する。その後、取り付きに残しておいたザックを背負い、ザイルをユマール（登高器）を使って登り返す。この登り方をZ式という。なお、本文中に使われている「チンビナ」とは、ハーネス中央に装着する安全環付きカラビナのこと。

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